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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

The one hundred and thirty-ninth General Court of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday in January, being the second day thereof, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

General Court convened.

And the members-elect of the House of Representatives, having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock by Honorable Harrison H. Atwood of Boston (member of the House in 1887, 1888, 1889, 1915 and 1917), the eldest senior member-elect.

House called to order.

By request of the presiding officer prayer was offered by the Right Reverend William Lawrence of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, —

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

Secretary notified.

Mr. Briggs and Messrs. Lord of Athol, Bessette of New Bedford, Dennis of Sandwich, Burrell of Medford, Scigliano of Boston, Granfield of Springfield and Finkel of Boston were appointed the committee.

Mr. Briggs, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Secretary was pleased to transmit to the House a list of all persons returned as Representatives, with the original certificates of their election which had been returned to his office.

List of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield, —

Ordered, That the Clerk call the roll of the House to ascertain if a quorum is present.

Quorum present.

The roll was called; and, two hundred and twenty members having been found to be in attendance, the Chair declared a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, —

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

Governor notified.

Mr. Kneeland and Messrs. Waterman of Williamstown, Whitman of Quincy, Pierce of Greenfield, Brunell of Webster, Butler of Lawrence, Adams of Stockbridge and McLaughlin of Boston were appointed the committee.

Mr. Kneeland, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that His Ex-

cellency stated that he would attend forthwith and administer the oaths of office.

Oaths of
office admin-
istered by the
Governor.

Soon afterwards His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Councillors and the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth came in; the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Excellency to the 229 members then present, and were subscribed by them; after which His Excellency declared that a quorum of the House was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of its duties.

His Excellency, His Honor, the Councillors and the Deputy Secretary then withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Temporary
House rules.

Ordered, That the rules of the House of Representatives of 1917 be observed as the rules of the present House, until others shall be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, —

Election of
Speaker.

Voted, That the House proceed to the election of a Speaker, and that the election be held in the following manner: The roll shall be called, and each member, in response to his name, shall rise and give the name of the person for whom he votes.

The roll was called; and the following-named members voted for Channing H. Cox of Boston: —

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.

Achin, Henry, Jr.

Allen, Ernest W.

Allen, Frank G.

Allen, George C. F.

Allen, J. Weston

Ammidon, Philip R.

Arnold, Seth F.

Atwood, Harrison H.

Austin, Charles M.

Babb, George W. P.

Bagshaw, James T.

Baker, John H.

Baldwin, George S.

Baldwin, William B.

Ballantyne, John

Barry, Joseph L.

Bartlett, Frank

Bartlett, Herbert A.

Bartlett, William A.

Bates, George J.

Bates, Russell T.

Baxter, Thomas W.

Beaman, Charles H.

Bellows, Alton L.

Bennett, Chauncey A.

Bentley, James D.

Benton, Jay R.

Bessette, Alfred M.

Bitzer, Jacob

Blague, Giles

Blanchard, Arthur F.

Bliss, Alvin E.

Boothman, Cornelius

Bower, Arthur

Messrs. Bowser, Eden K.

Bray, Albert C.

Briggs, Elmer L.

Brown, Frederic J.

Browne, Arthur S.

Brunell, George J.

Bunting, George

Burr, Arthur E.

Burrell, Fred J.

Butler, Frederick

Butterworth, Ralph N.

Carrick, George H.

Cheney, Herman S.

Clark, Henry S.

Clauss, Frederic F.

Collins, Benjamin G.

Cooke, Harry A.

Cooley, Charles L.

Corey, Edwin S.

Cowdrey, Henry E.

Cox, Edward J.

Crooks, Clarence A.

Daggett, Warren C.

Dean, Henry E.

Dennis, George F.

Dow, James B.

Doyle, Andrew P.

Dunbar, Eddy P.

Dunkle, Horace E.

Emery, Carl C.

Ferry, James R.

Finkel, Samuel B.

Fleming, William

Foster, William

Freeling, Joseph E.

Messrs. French, William F.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McIntosh, David S.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nason, Arthur L.

Messrs. Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

The following-named members voted for Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston: —

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.

Messrs. Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.

Messrs. Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.

Messrs. McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Winchester, Charles A.

The Chair announced the result of the vote as follows: —

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	.	.	.	114
John L. Donovan of Boston had	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Channing H. Cox of Boston had	.	.	.	.	.	.	172

Remarks of the
 Speaker.

And Mr. Cox, having been declared elected, was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Bliss of Malden and Rowley of Brookline, and addressed the House as follows: —

FELLOW MEMBERS: — The memories of eight years of service in this Chamber are among my choicest possessions. I hold them in tender regard, for they mean to me not alone splendid associations with men from all parts of the Commonwealth but also, I hope, some contribution to the welfare of the people of Massachusetts. It is a distinction to be a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. It is a privilege to serve the people of Massachusetts. I shall strive to be worthy of the generous honor of a fourth election as Speaker. I am profoundly grateful for this unusual opportunity of further service.

We are summoned to legislate for the needs of Massachusetts. Those needs may not be great in number, but they are of a character to require the ablest consideration we can give. First, we must put our state affairs in good order, so that Massachusetts may withstand the stress and strain of the unusual demands suddenly put on her. This will require not only the strictest economy, but it may mean additional sources of revenue. At such a time we ought to adopt a more scientific method of making appropriations. The report of the special committee which has been studying this subject during the recess deserves our immediate attention and action. As one looks back over the legislative history of the Commonwealth he is astounded to find that, with no real budget, with little or no advance investigation of estimates, the appropriating power has been used as wisely as it has. It is a tribute indeed to the high character and devotion of the men who have served here and in the Senate on the committees on Ways and Means.

The people of the Commonwealth are dependent upon the continuance of the street railway systems which now reach out into

nearly every section of the State. The service which street railways have rendered when at their best, is demanded by the people. Our future prosperity, our comfort, our convenience require not only a continuance but indeed an improvement of such service. One by one the street railway companies are showing their inability to continue under present conditions. It is true of street railways in cities. It is no less true of street railways in rural communities. The money honestly invested in these railways represents in part the savings of the toilers. I hope that Massachusetts will always deserve a reputation of dealing honorably with those who have loaned their savings to build up our industries and to develop our commercial life, but the question is bigger and beyond fair treatment to investors. It is a question of continuance of street railway service and development and improvement. The issue is between progress and something worse than stagnation, — retrogression. Something must be done. Obviously the Commonwealth could take over the street railways, paying therefor a fair value, and then operate them. I have little doubt that the owners of stock in Massachusetts street railway companies would welcome such a step. But I hope the day is far distant when government ownership and operation of street railways will be necessary in Massachusetts. I cannot believe that the most efficient and economical conduct of our street railways lies in that direction. I cannot believe that it is well to introduce the control and management of our street railways into political campaigns, where the issues are already sufficiently confused. My experience in this body convinces me that he would be an unusually courageous Representative who consistently voted for the highest interest of the Commonwealth, a political entity, as opposed to the demands of an organized and vigorous group of voters. With strong and intelligent state supervision, with state directors, the cost of street railway construction and operation, plus a fair return on the honest capital invested, can be determined. On that basis a proper and sufficient charge for service can be fixed by state authority. The public is reasonable. The public wants to pay the honest and necessary cost of service rendered. If we address ourselves to this problem, with the public good singly in mind, we can find a solution, difficult though it may be. It may not enhance our own personal political fortunes, but that consideration ought to be of no moment compared to the satisfaction of doing right.

We shall not forget the duty we owe to those unfortunates whose care the Commonwealth has assumed, and we shall not forget those who need further aid and encouragement. We remember that some are weak, and we shall endeavor to protect them from the aggression of the strong. We believe in justice, and we shall try earnestly to remedy injustice. But all thoughts of local needs are overshadowed by the realization that our country is at war.

Some of those who took their seats with us a year ago are absent to-day. They are in the service of their country at home and abroad. Some of you have already indicated your intention

of leaving the service of Massachusetts to join in the defence of our country. All of us who have been honored by our fellowmen are unworthy of our trust if we do not stand ready to answer the call of our country when it comes to us. And so with confidence I summon you to discharge with patriotic devotion the serious and important duties that await us at home. We glory in the splendid story which the men and women of Massachusetts have written in deeds of the past. It is for us of to-day to make sure that the glory of the past is but the certain promise of a brighter future. In the hour of our heaviest cross let us cling to the faith which inspired us in the hour of our greatest joy. With eloquence of deeds, rather than words, let us who have been chosen Representatives speak for Massachusetts as the fathers have always proclaimed in the past. We believe in America. We will fight for America's cause.

Election of Clerk.

Mr. Warner of Taunton moved that James W. Kimball of Swampscott be elected Clerk of the House by acclamation. This motion prevailed, Mr. Kimball was unanimously elected, and declaration was made accordingly.

Mr. Kimball was then conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Messrs. Newhall of Stoneham and George C. F. Allen of Lynn; and, having been qualified by taking and subscribing the oaths required, report was made to the House accordingly; and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Notice of organisation of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by a committee thereof, announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of Henry G. Wells of Haverhill as President and Henry D. Coolidge of Concord as Clerk.

Senate notified of organisation of the House.

On motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, —

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Mr. Doyle and Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Tolman of Gloucester, Martin Hays of Boston, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Nason of Haverhill, Leavitt of Boston, Bunting of Methuen and Joyce of Boston were appointed the committee.

Mr. Doyle, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

Governor and Council notified of organisation of the House.

On motion of Mr. Richards of Malden, —

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor and the Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Mr. Richards and Messrs. Marsh of Springfield, Frothingham of Lynn, Young of Spencer, Dunbar of West Bridgewater, Murphy of Lowell, Higgins of Taunton and McAllister of Lee were appointed the committee.

Mr. Richards, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

Election of Sergeant-at-Arms.

A message was received from the Senate, by a member thereof, announcing that Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn had been elected

Sergeant-at-Arms, on the part of that branch, for the current political year.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham then moved that Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn be elected Sergeant-at-Arms by acclamation. This motion prevailed, Mr. Pedrick was unanimously elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House, and declaration was made accordingly.

Election of
Sergeant-at-
Arms.

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that Reverend Daniel W. Waldron of Boston be elected Chaplain of the House by acclamation. This motion prevailed, Mr. Waldron was unanimously elected, and declaration was made accordingly.

Election of
Chaplain.

A communication from the Clerk, announcing that he had appointed Frank E. Bridgman of Boston Assistant Clerk of the House, under authority of section 12 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Assistant Clerk
of the House.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That a special committee of eleven members, of which the Speaker shall be chairman, be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the House and measures for expediting its business.

Special
committee on
preparation
of rules.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Jewett of Lowell, — of —, Rowley of Brookline, Kent of Pittsfield, Young of Weston, Lyman of Easthampton, Emery of Newburyport, John L. Donovan of Boston and Fitz Gerald of Northampton to serve with him as members of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, —

Ordered, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Senate of the election, on the part of the House of Representatives, of Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn as Sergeant-at-Arms for the current political year.

Senate notified
of election of
Sergeant-at-
Arms.

On motion of Mr. Gibson of Hanover, —

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform Reverend Daniel W. Waldron of Boston that he has been elected Chaplain of the House for the current political year.

Chaplain
informed of
his election.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Yarmouth, —

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to procure, for the use of the members of the House, two copies of each of the daily papers published in the cities of Boston, Worcester and Springfield, and one copy of each of the other daily papers published within the Commonwealth.

Daily papers
for use of the
House.

On motion of Mr. Perham of Chelmsford, —

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the Journal of the House, that one thousand copies of the same be printed, and that an attested copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the Journal of the House.

Journal of the
House ordered
printed.

Hour of
meeting
to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, —
Ordered, That when the House adjourns to-day it be to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Papers from the Senate.

Returns of
votes for state
officers, etc.

A communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the sixth day of November, 1917, for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General, for Councillors and for Senators, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for, — was read.

Id.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General be referred to a joint special committee to consist of three members of the Senate and such as the House may join.

Messrs. Churchill, Harrop and Reed having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. McIntosh of Quincy, Wilson of South Hadley, Penshorn of Boston, Lane of Beverly, McKinney of Boston, Flanagan of Lawrence and McGrath of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Returns of
votes for
Councillors.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee to consist of three members of the Senate and such as the House may join.

Messrs. Chamberlain, Tetler and MacPherson having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Dunkle of Boston Merriam of Framingham, Moulton of Rutland, Granger of Agawam, Haskins of Middleborough, Reardon of Boston, Jordan of Lawrence and Quigley of Chelsea were joined on the part of the House.

Temporary
joint rules.

The following orders were severally adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the joint rules of the two branches of last year be observed until others shall be adopted.

Joint special
committee on
preparation
of rules.

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of the President and four other members of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the two branches.

Messrs. Hobbs, Wilson, Hobson and Lawler having been appointed to serve with the President on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Jewett of Lowell, ——— of ———, Rowley of Brookline, Kent of Pittsfield, Young of Weston, Lyman of Easthampton, Emery of Newburyport, John L. Donovan of Boston and Fitz Gerald of Northampton were joined to serve with the Speaker on the part of the House.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the House and measures for expediting its business, reported, in part, recommending that Rules Nos. 20 and 21 of the House of 1917 be adopted as Rules Nos. 20 and 21 for the present session. House Rules
Nos. 20 and 21.

The report was read. The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the joint special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the two branches, recommending, in part, that Joint Rule No. 1 of the year 1917 be adopted as Joint Rule No. 1 of the present year, with a change inserting before the words "A committee on Agriculture" the words "A committee on Administration and Commissions;" — accepted by the Senate, was read. Joint Rule
No. 1.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, and the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

House Standing Committees.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House as follows: —

Rules. — The Speaker, and Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Jewett of Lowell, — of —, Rowley of Brookline, Kent of Pittsfield, Young of Weston, Lyman of Easthampton, Emery of Newburyport, John L. Donovan of Boston and Fitz Gerald of Northampton. House
standing
committees.

Ways and Means. — Messrs. Warner of Taunton, Bitzer of Arlington, Lyman of Easthampton, Babb of Boston, Young of Weston, Pierce of Greenfield, Atwood of Boston, Hartshorn of Gardner, Murphy of Lowell, McAllister of Lee and Foley of Boston.

The Judiciary. — Messrs. Abbott of Haverhill, Burr of Boston, Makepeace of Malden, Barry of Lynn, Kneeland of Winchester, Kiernan of Wareham, Wasserman of Boston, Moran of Mansfield, Ballantyne of Boston, Mahoney of Peabody and Granfield of Springfield.

Elections. — Messrs. Makepeace of Malden, Bower of Lawrence, Carrick of Cambridge, — of —, Penshorn of Boston, Adams of Stockbridge and McNamee of Boston.

Bills in the Third Reading. — Messrs. Powers of Newton, Finkel of Boston and Mahoney of Peabody.

Engrossed Bills. — Messrs. Prescott of Grafton, Gould of Milford and Feinburg of Boston.

Pay-Roll. — Messrs. Boothman of Adams, Clark of Boston and
— of —.

Joint Standing Committees.

Joint standing
committees.

Joint standing committees were appointed as follows: —

Administration and Commissions. — Messrs. Hobbs of Worcester, Perley of Essex and Hobson of Worcester and Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. — of —, Allen of Newton, Monk of Watertown, Marsh of Springfield, Kelley of Fairhaven, Underhill of Somerville, Holland of Boston and Edward I. Kelley of Boston, *of the House*.

Agriculture. — Messrs. Colburn of Middlesex, Smith of Middlesex and Eames of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Tarbell of Brookfield, Beaman of Leverett, Dunbar of West Bridgewater, Granger of Agawam, Wilson of South Hadley, Bray of Buckland, Packard of Brockton and Adams of Stockbridge, *of the House*.

Banks and Banking. — Messrs. — of —, Cavanagh of Middlesex and Hormel of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Swig of Boston, Freeling of Fall River, Furness of Everett, Young of Spencer, Merriam of Framingham, — of —, Wood of Hopkinton and McGrath of Boston, *of the House*.

Cities. — Messrs. Chamberlain of Hampden, Beck of Suffolk, Dahlborg of Plymouth and Fitzgerald of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Woodill of Melrose, Johnson of Worcester, Putnam of Lowell, Wharton of Boston, Foster of Springfield, Baxter of Lynn, Hudson of Waltham, Austin of Somerville, Higgins of Taunton and Scigliano of Boston, *of the House*.

Constitutional Amendments. — Messrs. Tetler of Essex, Dahlborg of Plymouth and McLaughlin of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Weston of Newton, Barry of Lynn, Benton of Belmont, Briggs of Plymouth, Dunkle of Boston, Putnam of Lowell, Hearn of Boston and Gillen of Boston, *of the House*.

Counties. — Messrs. Knox of Middlesex, Brown of Essex and Morris of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Bagshaw of Fall River, Hirsch of Dedham, Wadleigh of Merrimac, Daggett of Somerville, Cooley of East Longmeadow, Bellows of Clarksburg, Mitchell of Springfield and Dwyer of Boston, *of the House*.

Education. — Messrs. Cross of Worcester, Churchill of Franklin and Hampshire and Chamberlain of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Hull of Leominster, Baldwin of Brockton, Gibson of Hanover, Bartlett of North Attleborough, — of —, Dow of Beverly, Conroy of Fall River and Moynihan of Boston, *of the House*.

Election Laws. — Messrs. Hormel of Suffolk, Hobbs of Worcester and Cavanagh of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Burr of Boston, Martin Hays of Boston, Woodill of Melrose, Johnson of Worcester, Jones of Berkley, Sawyer of Ware, Green of Boston and O'Connor of Chicopee, *of the House*.

Federal Relations. — Messrs. Hastings of Berkshire, Nichols of Suffolk and Buckley of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Achin of Lowell, Bowser of Wakefield, Waterman of Williamstown, — of —, Richards of Malden, McKinney of Boston, O'Connor of Boston and Quigley of Chelsea, *of the House*.

Fisheries and Game. — Messrs. Hardy of Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden, Brown of Essex and Colburn of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Smith of Provincetown, Collins of Edgartown, Penshorn of Boston, Bennett of Springfield, Bentley of Swampscott, Brunell of Webster, Howland of New Bedford and Malone of Worcester, *of the House*.

Harbors and Public Lands. — Messrs. Brown of Essex, Reed of Bristol and Curran of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. — of —, Hirsch of Dedham, Bentley of Swampscott, Haynes of Scituate, Perham of Chelmsford, Bower of Lawrence, Smith of Provincetown and Jones of Nantucket, *of the House*.

Insurance. — Messrs. McLane of Bristol, Sanford of Suffolk, — of — and Russell of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Waterman of Williamstown, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Bagshaw of Fall River, Carrick of Cambridge, Clark of Boston, Bunting of Methuen, Wheeler of Springfield, Wall of Worcester, Craig of Boston, O'Connor of Boston and — of —, *of the House*.

Labor. — Messrs. Hobson of Worcester and Hampden, Gifford of Cape and Plymouth and Perrin of Norfolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Collins of Edgartown, Cowdrey of Fitchburg, Stetson of Yarmouth, Haskins of Middleborough, Shedd of Tewksbury, Morrill of Haverhill, Manning of Boston and Kelley of Worcester, *of the House*.

Legal Affairs. — Messrs. Perley of Essex, Perrin of Norfolk, Reed of Bristol and Morris of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Gibbs of Waltham, Tolman of Gloucester, Bates of Quincy, Boothman of Adams, Gould of Milford, Finkel of Boston, Slotnick of Holyoke, Browne of Cambridge, Flanagan of Lawrence, McDonnell of Boston and McKeon of Worcester, *of the House*.

Mercantile Affairs. — Messrs. Smith of Middlesex, McLane of Bristol, Harrop of Worcester and Buckley of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Monk of Watertown, Clauss of Cambridge, Odlin of Lynn, Maloney of Chelsea, Bunting of Methuen, Burrell of Medford, Mellen of Worcester, Blague of Springfield, Lord of Athol, — of — and Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, *of the House*.

Metropolitan Affairs. — Messrs. Wilson of Norfolk and Suffolk, Nichols of Suffolk, Hormel of Suffolk and Lawler of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Brown of Woburn, Weston of Newton, Ammidon of Cambridge, Benton of Belmont, Fleming of Somerville, Butterworth of Revere, Arnold of Boston, — of —, Burke of Boston, Craig of Boston and Feinberg of Boston, *of the House*.

Military Affairs. — Messrs. Nash of Norfolk and Plymouth, Cross of Worcester and Fitzgerald of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. French of Haverhill, Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, Lane of Beverly, Richards of Malden, Robinson of Somerville, Achin of Lowell, Pierce of Greenfield and Murphy of Boston, *of the House*.

Municipal Finance. — Messrs. Sanford of Suffolk, Beck of Suffolk and Halliwell of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Gleason of Andover, Martin of Boston, ——— of ———, Blanchard of Cambridge, Bates of Salem, Walker of New Bedford, Bartlett of Brockton and Jordan of Lawrence, *of the House*.

Public Health. — Messrs. Hart of Worcester, Jackson of Essex and McLaughlin of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Frothingham of Lynn, ——— of ———, Furness of Everett, Leavitt of Boston, Johnson of Uxbridge, Morse of Danvers, Cheney of Southbridge and James W. Hayes of Boston, *of the House*.

Public Institutions. — Messrs. Dahlborg of Plymouth, Perley of Essex, Knox of Middlesex and Russell of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Butler of Lawrence, Larocque of Fall River, Kelley of Fairhaven, ——— of ———, Dean of Worcester, George C. F. Allen of Lynn, Orr of Pittsfield, Southworth of New Bedford, Edward J. Cox of Boston, Murphy of Holyoke and Winchester of Boston, *of the House*.

Public Lighting. — Messrs. Beck of Suffolk, Tetler of Essex, Harrop of Worcester and Halliwell of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Tolman of Gloucester, Martin Hays of Boston, Nason of Haverhill, Meyers of Cambridge, Doyle of New Bedford, Underhill of Somerville, Nutting of Leominster, Snow of Westfield, Joyce of Boston, McNamee of Boston and Mealey of Boston, *of the House*.

Public Service. — Messrs. Perrin of Norfolk, Chamberlain of Hampden and Hastings of Berkshire, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Whitman of Quincy, Whitney of Clinton, Wood of Fall River, Nelson of Newburyport, Johnson of Uxbridge, Corey of Northborough, McLaughlin of Boston and Englert of Boston, *of the House*.

Railroads. — Messrs. Hobbs of Worcester, Perley of Essex, Tetler of Essex and Curran of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Jewett of Lowell, Pepin of Salem, Mitchell of Springfield, Marsh of Springfield, Greenwood of Everett, Freeling of Fall River, Swig of Boston, Prescott of Grafton, Ollendorff of Medway, Quinn of Sharon and Reardon of Boston, *of the House*.

Roads and Bridges. — Messrs. Jackson of Essex, Colburn of Middlesex and Hart of Worcester, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Emery of Newburyport, Pepin of Salem, Moulton of Rutland, Dennis of Sandwich, Baker of Marlborough, Nelson of Worcester, Leavitt of Boston and McMenimen of Cambridge, *of the House*.

Social Welfare. — Messrs. Eames of Middlesex, Wilson of Norfolk and Suffolk and Hastings of Berkshire, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Greenwood of Everett, Ferry of Northbridge, Dunkle of Boston,

Lord of Athol, Frothingham of Lynn, McIntosh of Quincy, Crowley of Abington and Corrigan of Natick, *of the House*.

State House and Libraries. — Messrs. Reed of Bristol, MacPherson of Middlesex and Fitzgerald of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Whitney of Clinton, Odlin of Lynn, Wood of Fall River, Baldwin of Brockton, Martin of Boston, ——— of ———, Cashman of Boston and Morrill of Haverhill, *of the House*.

Street Railways. — Messrs. MacPherson of Middlesex, ——— of ———, Hardy of Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden and Knox of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Worrall of Attleboro, Kent of Pittsfield, Bowser of Wakefield, Allen of Newton, Gibbs of Waltham, Morrison of Medford, Baldwin of Brookline, Cooke of Worcester, John L. Donovan of Boston, Manning of Brockton and Fitz Gerald of Northampton, *of the House*.

Taxation. — Messrs. Nichols of Suffolk, Gifford of Cape and Plymouth, Nash of Norfolk and Plymouth and Morris of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Rowley of Brookline, Briggs of Plymouth, Paine of Holbrook, Spinney of Weymouth, Newhall of Stoneham, Powers of Newton, Allen of Norwood, Stetson of Yarmouth, Torrey of Groton, Sawyer of Ware and Mahoney of Boston, *of the House*.

Towns. — Messrs. Churchill of Franklin and Hampshire, Hart of Worcester and Cross of Worcester, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Osborne of Marblehead, Magee of Winthrop, Brunell of Webster, Marsh of Hingham, Harriman of Stowe, Nourse of Saugus, Hamilton of Palmer and Kellogg of Orange, *of the House*.

Water Supply. — Messrs. Harrop of Worcester, Jackson of Essex and Buckley of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Clauss of Cambridge, Haskins of Middleborough, Bessette of New Bedford, Crooks of Bellingham, ——— of ———, Corbett of Lowell, Cronin of Holyoke and Costello of Boston, *of the House*.

Monitors of the House.

The Speaker appointed the monitors of the House as follows: —

First Division. — Messrs. Bowser of Wakefield and Adams of Stockbridge. Monitors of the House.

Second Division. — Messrs. Baxter of Lynn and Crowley of Abington.

Third Division. — Messrs. Woodill of Melrose and Craig of Boston.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Hudson of Waltham and Burke of Boston.

Drawing of Seats.

Under Rule No. 98 the House then proceeded to the drawing of seats. Messrs. Warner of Taunton, Abbott of Haverhill and Adams of Stockbridge were appointed a committee to supervise the same. Before the drawing commenced, — Drawing of seats.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Athol Mr. Moulton of Rutland was allowed to select seat No. 48.

On motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield Mr. Greenwood of Everett was allowed to select seat No. 11.

On motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown Mr. Morse of Danvers was allowed to select seat No. 46.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Newton Mr. Smith of Provincetown was allowed to select seat No. 23.

On motion of Mr. Makepeace of Malden Mr. Magee of Winthrop was allowed to select seat No. 22.

On motion of Mr. Foley of Boston Mr. Quinn of Sharon was allowed to select seat No. 128.

On motion of Mr. Burrell of Medford Mr. Butler of Lawrence was allowed to select seat No. 28.

On motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown Mr. Bunting of Methuen was allowed to select seat No. 24.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Belmont Mr. Martin Hays of Boston was allowed to select seat No. 37.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Taunton Mr. Morrill of Haverhill was allowed to select seat No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Boston Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield was allowed to select seat No. 95.

On motion of Mr. Tarbell of North Brookfield Mr. Johnson of Worcester was allowed to select seat No. 62.

At eight minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

THURSDAY, January 3, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Reverend Daniel W. Waldron of Boston, having accepted the office of Chaplain, was present, and prayer was offered by him.

On motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Members Qualified.

Messrs. Craig of Lynn, French of Somerville, Hall of Worcester, Nichols of Fitchburg and Wonson of Gloucester, members-elect, being present, Messrs. Weston of Newton, Odlin of Lynn and James W. Hayes of Boston were appointed a committee to conduct them to the Council Chamber to be qualified. Mr. Weston subsequently reported that Messrs. Craig, French, Hall, Nichols and Wonson had taken and subscribed the oaths of office, and were duly qualified as members of the House.

Members
qualified.

The Speaker then announced the following committee appointments: —

Mr. Craig of Lynn to membership on the committee on Metropolitan Affairs;

Committee
appointments.

Mr. French of Somerville to membership on the committees on Federal Relations and Public Institutions;

Mr. Hall of Worcester to membership on the committees on Elections and Municipal Finance;

Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg to membership on the committee on Banks and Banking; and

Mr. Wonson of Gloucester to membership on the committee on Education.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, —

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, unless it shall be otherwise ordered.

Reading of
the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, —

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means be authorized to report from time to time such appropriation bills as the exigencies of the public service may require.

Committee
on Ways and
Means, —
appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Gleason of Andover, —

Ordered, That the Clerk cause to be printed all bills and resolves which cover and accompany the recommendations and suggestions for legislation in the annual reports of boards, commissions and officials of the Commonwealth.

Recommendations of
state boards,
commissions,
and officials.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams, —

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll make up the pay-roll for the travelling expenses of the members of the House, the travel to be computed according to the table of distances established by an order of the House of Representatives adopted June 1, 1892.

House of
Representatives,
—
pay-roll for
travelling
expenses.

Committee on
Rules, —
clerical
assistance for
members and
committees.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That the committee on Rules be authorized to employ clerical assistance, and that the persons so employed be required to assist members of the House in the preparation of bills and resolves, to perform such clerical services as may be required by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and to assist the clerks of the several committees in drafting notices of hearings, in having the same published, in sending notices to persons interested and in seeing that dates of hearings are inserted in the bulletin; also that the action of the Speaker of the House in employing clerical assistance during the month of December, 1917, to prepare bills and resolves, and in assisting members-elect in preparing the same, with a view to facilitating the business of the incoming House, be confirmed, and that the committee on Rules be authorized to approve bills for the payment of said clerical service.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Sergeant-at-
Arms notified
of his election.

Ordered, That the clerks of the two branches give notice to Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn that he has been elected by the two branches of the General Court Sergeant-at-Arms for the current political year.

Returns of
votes for
state officers.

A report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for state officers, accepted by the Senate, was read. From an examination of the returns it appeared that votes were cast as follows: —

For Governor.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL of Winchester had	226,145	votes.
FREDERICK W. MANSFIELD of Boston had	135,666	"
JOHN MCCARTY of Abington had	16,608	"
JAMES HAYES of Plymouth had	5,243	"
CHESTER R. LAWRENCE of Boston had	4,265	"

And SAMUEL W. MCCALL is elected.

For Lieutenant-Governor.

CALVIN COOLIDGE of Northampton had	223,157	votes.
MATTHEW HALE of Boston had	121,426	"
SYLVESTER J. MCBRIDE of Watertown had	19,410	"
FRED E. OELCHER of Peabody had	5,633	"
All others,	4	"

And CALVIN COOLIDGE is elected.

For Secretary.

ALBERT P. LANGTRY of Springfield had	209,795	votes.
ARTHUR B. REED of Abington had	122,023	"
MARION E. SPROULE of Lowell had	18,920	"
HERBERT S. BROWN of Greenfield had	11,106	"
INGVAR PAULSEN of Boston had	5,945	"
All others,	1	vote.

And ALBERT P. LANGTRY is elected.

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

CHARLES L. BURRILL of Boston had . . .	213,421	votes.
HUMPHREY O'SULLIVAN of Lowell had . . .	126,712	"
JOSEPH A. MURPHY of Lowell had . . .	19,094	"
OLON LOVETT of Beverly had . . .	5,951	"
MARY E. PETERSON of Somerville had . . .	5,480	"

And CHARLES L. BURRILL is elected.

For Auditor.

ALONZO B. COOK of Boston had . . .	205,652	votes.
ELZÉAR H. CHOQUETTE of New Bedford had . . .	125,796	"
WALTER S. PECK of Stockbridge had . . .	18,481	"
HENRY G. SMITH, Jr., of Somerville had . . .	6,109	"
DAVID CRAIG of Milford had . . .	5,227	"
All others, . . .	3	"

And ALONZO B. COOK is elected.

For Attorney-General.

HENRY C. ATTWILL of Lynn had . . .	209,622	votes.
JOSIAH QUINCY of Boston had . . .	127,111	"
WILLIAM R. HENRY of Lynn had . . .	18,845	"
THOMAS J. MAHER of Medford had . . .	5,611	"
FRANK AUCHTER of Belmont had . . .	5,184	"
All others, . . .	1	vote.

And HENRY C. ATTWILL is elected.

Rule 57 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Benton of Belmont, and the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

A report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Councillors, accepted by the Senate, was read. From an examination of the returns it appeared that the following-named persons were elected in their respective districts, to wit: —

Returns of
votes for
Councillors.

- DISTRICT No. 1. — DAVID L. PARKER of New Bedford.
 " " 2. — RICHARD F. ANDREWS of Boston.
 " " 3. — LEWIS R. SULLIVAN of Boston.
 " " 4. — GEORGE B. WASON of Cambridge.
 " " 5. — FREDERICK H. TARR of Rockport.
 " " 6. — JAMES G. HARRIS of Medford.
 " " 7. — MATTHEW J. WHITTALL of Worcester.
 " " 8. — CHARLES H. WRIGHT of Pittsfield.

Rule 57 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Granger of Agawam, and the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to be joined, to inform His Excellency Samuel W. McCall that he has been duly

Governor and
Lieutenant-
Governor

notified of
their election.

elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the General Court will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office at such hour as may suit his convenience; also to inform His Honor Calvin Coolidge that he has been duly elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the General Court will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office when agreeable to him.

Messrs. Hobson, MacPherson and Lawler having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Allen of Newton, Bliss of Malden, Benton of Belmont, Beaman of Leverett, Putnam of Lowell, Winchester of Boston, McGrath of Boston and O'Connor of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Allen, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant-Governor-elect, who had signified their acceptance of the respective offices and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Councillors
notified of
their election.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. David L. Parker, Richard F. Andrews, Lewis R. Sullivan, George B. Wason, Frederick H. Tarr, James G. Harris, Matthew J. Whittall and Charles H. Wright that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Subsequently a communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth announcing that the several Councillors-elect had been notified of their election, had signified their acceptance of the office and were ready to be qualified.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Joint
convention.

Ordered, That a convention of the two houses be held forthwith for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor-elect, to the Lieutenant-Governor-elect and to the several Councillors-elect.

Joint Convention.

Governor and
Lieutenant-
Governor
qualified.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gifford, Churchill and McLaughlin, of the Senate, and Messrs. Tarbell of Brookfield, Frothingham of Lynn, Ammidon of Cambridge, Butler of Lawrence, Lord of Athol, Adams of Stockbridge, Mahoney of Peabody and Flanagan of Lawrence, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor-elect, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect and the several Councillors-elect and inform them that the two houses were in joint convention and ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

Mr. Gifford, for the committee, afterwards reported that they

had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor-elect, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect and the Councillors-elect had stated that they would immediately attend upon the convention.

The Governor-elect, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect and the Councillors-elect then came in, accompanied by the Governors of the other New England States and by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by Samuel W. McCall as Governor and Calvin Coolidge as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency then delivered an address (Senate, No. 1) to the Senators and Representatives.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then administered to and subscribed by Councillors-elect Messrs. David L. Parker, Richard F. Andrews, Lewis R. Sullivan, George B. Wason, Frederick H. Tarr, James G. Harris, Matthew J. Whittall and Charles H. Wright, and declaration thereof was made by the President of the Convention. Councillors qualified.

The Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Councillors and others then withdrew, and the convention was dissolved.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules consider what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address. Disposition of Governor's address.

On motion of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules cause to be prepared a bulletin of committee hearings and matters before committees. Bulletin of committee hearings.

On motion of Mr. Burr of Boston, —

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to His Excellency the Governor that Messrs. David L. Parker, Richard F. Andrews, Lewis R. Sullivan, George B. Wason, Frederick H. Tarr, James G. Harris, Matthew J. Whittall and Charles H. Wright have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors, to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year. Secretary to notify Governor of qualification of Councillors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, —

Ordered, That when the House adjourns to-day, it be to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Hour of meeting to-morrow.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the clerks of the two branches give notice to the Honorable Albert P. Langtry of Springfield that he has been elected Secretary of the Commonwealth; to the Honorable Clerks directed to notify Secretary, Treasurer,

Auditor and
Attorney-
General of
their election.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston that he has been elected Treasurer and Receiver-General; to the Honorable Alonzo B. Cook of Boston that he has been elected Auditor of the Commonwealth; and to the Honorable Henry C. Attwill of Lynn that he has been elected Attorney-General, — severally, to hold office for one year from the third Wednesday in January instant.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual and special reports were severally referred as follows:—

Massachusetts
School Fund.

Annual report, under section 3 of chapter 41 of the Revised Laws, of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund (House, No. 6).

New Bedford
Textile School.

Annual report, under chapter 248 of the acts of 1904, of the trustees of the New Bedford Textile School (House, No. 7), received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Provincetown
harbor, —
harbor lines.

Special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, under chapter 21 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of changing the harbor lines in Provincetown harbor (House, No. 8). To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Motor vehicles,
— damages
from accidents.

Special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, under chapter 47 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the subject of damages to persons and property by accidents caused by owners and operators of motor vehicles (House, No. 9). To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Mystic lakes
in Medford,
Arlington and
Winchester, —
protection
and use.

Special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission and the Commissioner of Health, under chapter 45 of the resolves of 1917, relative to protecting the banks of the Mystic lakes in the city of Medford and towns of Arlington and Winchester, to protecting the water supply of said lakes and to facilitating their public use for recreation, fishing and other purposes (House, No. 10). To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Hale's brook
in Lowell, —
channel.

Preliminary report of the State Department of Health, under chapter 92 of the resolves of 1917, relative to improving the channel of Hale's brook in the city of Lowell (House, No. 11). To the committee on Public Health.

Shores of
Salem harbor,
— shore road.

Special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, under chapter 112 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the construction of a shore road along the shores of Salem harbor from Palmer's cove into the town of Marblehead (House, No. 12).

Boston and
Brockton, —
state highway
connection.

Special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, under chapter 120 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the expediency of constructing a state highway connecting the cities of Boston and Brockton by way of Milton, Quincy, Braintree and Holbrook (House, No. 13).

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Millicent
Library Cor-
poration Fund.

Annual report, under section 2 of chapter 392 of the acts of 1893, of the Commissioners of the Millicent Library Corporation Fund (House, No. 14). To the committee on State House and Libraries.

Annual statement of the Teachers' Retirement Board, under section 13 of chapter 832 of the acts of 1913, of the amount expended by cities and towns in the payment of pensions previous to the first day of last July (House, No. 15). To the committee on Social Welfare.

Teachers' Retirement Board, — pensions.

Preliminary report of the State Department of Health, under chapter 73 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of granting, to cities and towns having authority to take water from Ipswich river for municipal purposes, authority to use the surplus flow of said river for water supply purposes during the months from June to November, inclusive (House, No. 18). To the committee on Water Supply.

Ipswich river, — use of water by cities and towns.

Annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, under section 95 of chapter 562 of the acts of 1898, on the investment and condition of the Land Registration Assurance Fund (House, No. 16).

Land Registration Assurance Fund.

Preliminary report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, with special reference to budget procedure (House, No. 17).

State finances, — budget procedure.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Annual summary, under section 3 of chapter 371 of the acts of 1909, of the work of the Bureau of Statistics (House, No. 19). Sent to the Senate.

Bureau of Statistics, — summary of work.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Warner of Taunton introduced (on leave) a Bill authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General to make payments to members of the Senate and House of Representatives on account of compensation for services and travelling expenses (House, No. 3). The bill was read; and it was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Members of the General Court, — payment of compensation.

Petitions.

Mr. Young of Weston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5) of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of Massachusetts and others relative to providing for absentee voting; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Absentee voting.

Petitions received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, were severally referred as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 20) of Frank A. Farnham relative to authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to discontinue the operation of a ferry between the city of New Bedford and the town of Fairhaven.

New Bedford and Fairhaven ferry.

Hampden
Railroad
Corporation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 21) of the Hampden Railroad Corporation for an extension of the time for the location, construction and operation of its railroad.

Southern New
England
Railroad
Corporation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 22) of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation for an extension of the time for completing its railroad.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Cohasset
Narrows, —
bridge between
Bourne and
Wareham.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 23) of the county commissioners of the counties of Barnstable and Plymouth for authority to reconstruct the highway bridge across Cohasset Narrows and to alter or relocate the approaches thereto or to construct a new bridge across said narrows at a new location. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports of a Committee.

Members of
the General
Court, —
payment of
compensation.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill (introduced on leave) authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General to make payments to members of the Senate and House of Representatives on account of compensation for services and travelling expenses (House, No. 3) ought to pass.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Appropriation, — pay
for soldiers
and sailors.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making an appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 4); which was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

At twenty minutes past one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, January 4, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, —

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns to-day, it be to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.; and that the House meet each day at that hour, unless it shall be otherwise ordered.

Adjournment until Monday; hour of meeting.

Member Qualified.

Mr. Timothy J. Driscoll of Boston, a member-elect, being present, Mr. Quinn of Sharon was appointed a committee to conduct him to the Council Chamber to be qualified.

Member qualified.

Mr. Quinn afterwards reported that Mr. Driscoll had taken and subscribed the oaths of office, and was duly qualified as a member of the House.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of Mr. Driscoll to membership on the committee on State House and Libraries.

Committee appointment.

Recommendations for Legislation.

Recommendations received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited with him on or before the first Wednesday in January, as required by the provisions of chapter 269 of the general acts of 1915, were severally referred as follows: —

Recommendations of the Commissioner of Animal Industry (House, No. 24) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 26, 27 and 28). To the committee on Agriculture.

Commissioner of Animal Industry.

Recommendations of the Bank Commissioner (House, No. 29) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 30 to 33, inclusive). To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bank Commissioner.

Recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 35 to 38, inclusive, and 41, and by bills, House, Nos. 39 and 40 and 42 to 45, inclusive). To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game.

Recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46):

So much as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates, and to the responsibility of employers for the payment of benefits (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 48 and 49), to the joint committee on the Judiciary;

Insurance Commissioner.

Insurance Commissioner.

So much as relates to the salary of the actuary in the department of the Insurance Commissioner (accompanied by bill, House, No. 51), to the committee on Public Service; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 47 and 50), to the committee on Insurance.

Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation.

Recommendations of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States (House, No. 52) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 53, 54 and 55).

Board of Parole.

Recommendations of the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 56) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 57 to 60, inclusive).

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

State Infirmary.

Recommendations of the trustees of the State Infirmary (House, No. 61).

Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives.

Recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 63 to 79, inclusive).

Director of Prisons.

Recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 81, 85 and 91 to 94, inclusive, and by resolves, House, Nos. 82, 83 and 84, and 86 to 90, inclusive).

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Civil Service Commission.

Recommendations of the Civil Service Commission (House, No. 95) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 96 to 99, inclusive). To the committee on Public Service.

Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Recommendations of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (House, No. 100):

So much as relates to lights on motor vehicles (accompanied by bill, House, No. 101), to the committee on Roads and Bridges; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 102 and 103), to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Free Public Library Commissioners.

Recommendations of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 104) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 105 and 106). To the committee on State House and Libraries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Special Report.***State Department of Health, — Neponset river.**

A special report of the State Department of Health of work done, under chapter 655 of the acts of 1911 and subsequent legislation, in improving the Neponset river (House, No. 107), was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: —

Warren Institution for Savings.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of the Warren Institutions for Savings for authority to purchase, hold and invest in real estate in the city of Boston to

a value not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 109) of Andrew P. Doyle that the city of New Bedford be authorized to pension Henry C. Russell. To the committee on Cities. New Bedford, —
Henry C.
Russell.

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 110) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to further regulating the issuing of employment certificates to children under sixteen years of age. Children, —
employment
certificates.

By Mr. Manning of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 111) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the establishment of a university owned and directed by the Commonwealth. University
of Mass-
achusetts.

Severally to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 112) of Alvin E. Bliss relative to the time and place for voting at primaries and elections. Primaries
and elections.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 113) of Roland D. Sawyer for the nomination of candidates by caucuses and conventions in the absence of petitions for the holding of primary elections. Caucuses and
conventions.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 114) of Horace D. King for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors and the importation and exportation thereof for beverage purposes. Federal
Constitution,
— prohibition
amendment.

By Mr. Richards of Malden, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 115) of the Council for National Prohibition for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Id.

Severally to the committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 116) of Obed S. Daggett relative to the use of fish traps in Vineyard sound and Buzzard's bay. To the committee on Fisheries and Game. Vineyard
sound and
Buzzard's bay,
— fisheries.

By Mr. Burke of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 117) of Frank J. Burke for the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of insurance for soldiers and sailors. Soldiers and
sailors, —
insurance.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 118) of William C. Johnson relative to medical examination by life insurance companies in connection with the issuance of contracts based upon the continuance of life. Life insurance,
— medical
examination.

Life insurance,
— annuities
and endow-
ment.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119) of William C. Johnson relative to immediate and deferred annuities and to pure endowments in connection with the provisions to be embodied in policies of life insurance.

Insurance,
— total
disability.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120) of William C. Johnson relative to the incorporation of total disability benefits in policies of insurance.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

Special police
officers.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 121) of Charles F. Rowley that the powers of special police officers appointed by the Governor be enlarged.

Injured
employees, —
compensation.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Roland D. Sawyer that compensation to injured employees shall begin from the date of injury in certain cases.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 123) of Roland D. Sawyer that the minimum weekly compensation of injured employees be increased in cases of total incapacity.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Hotels and
restaurants, —
hours of labor.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for one day off in seven for employees in hotels and restaurants.

Paper mills, —
hours of labor.

By Mr. McNamee of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 125) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a reduction in the hours of labor for employees in paper mills.

Severally to the committee on Labor.

Employment
offices, —
state control.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 126) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to transferring the control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries.

Jurors, —
compensation.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 127) of Robert B. Martin that the compensation of jurors be increased.

Lincoln's
birthday, —
legal holiday.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 128) of Max Henry Newman relative to making the twelfth day of February a legal holiday to be known as Lincoln Day.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Brockton, —
Home for
Aged Men.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 129) of Francis B. Gardner and others, trustees under the will of Horace W. Howard, for incorporation as Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton.

Buildings, —
construction
and use.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 130) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to extending the authority of cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of buildings.

Chatham, —
conveyance
of cemetery
property.

By Mr. Stetson of Yarmouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 131) of Solomon G. Atwood and others that the con-

veyance of certain cemetery property in the town of Chatham by the First Congregational Parish to the Union Cemetery corporation be legalized.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 132) of John A. Hirsch that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to complete the Dedham parkway. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Dedham parkway, — completion.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Martin Hays that the Commonwealth provide compensation for non-commissioned officers, soldiers and sailors from Massachusetts in the service of the United States.

Soldiers and sailors, — state pay.

By Mr. Manning of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 134) of Frank A. Manning relative to state pay for non-commissioned officers, soldiers and sailors drafted for the military or naval service of the United States as a part of the quota from this Commonwealth.

Id.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 135) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to providing state pay for certain persons connected with the military and naval service of the United States.

Id.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 136) of Thomas Weston, Jr., that cities and towns be authorized to pay employees who enter active service with the State Guard or other unit of the organized military forces of the Commonwealth.

State Guard, — compensation of municipal employees.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137) of Jesse F. Stevens relative to extending the date of retirement of John Baker, custodian of the military archives in the department of the Adjutant-General.

John Baker.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Prescott of Grafton, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 138) of E. V. Scribner and others relative to compensating Thomas O. Long for injuries sustained while employed at the Worcester State Asylum. To the committee on Public Institutions.

Thomas O. Long.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of the county commissioners of the county of Hampshire relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of said county. To the committee on Public Service.

Hampshire county treasurer, — clerical assistance.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Roland D. Sawyer that the fee be established for the registration of Ford motor vehicles. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ford motor vehicles, — registration fee.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 141) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to the hours of labor of women and children in manufacturing and mercantile establishments.

Women and children, — hours of labor.

Mothers with
dependent
children, — aid.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 142) of Roland D. Sawyer for further legislation relative to aiding mothers with dependent children.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Street
railways, —
referendum
on public
ownership.

By Mr. Cronin of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 143) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a referendum on the public ownership and operation of street railways.

Street railways,
— public
ownership.

By Mr. Manning of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 144) of Frank A. Manning for the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
poll taxes.

By Mr. Mitchell of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 145) of John Mitchell that persons in the military and naval service of the United States be exempted from the payment of poll taxes.

Savings banks,
— tax on
incomes.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 146) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to imposing a tax upon the income of savings banks and institutions for savings.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Serial bonds,
— exchange
for other bonds.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 147) of Alfred D. Chandler that the Commonwealth and municipalities be authorized to exchange serial bonds for outstanding sinking fund bonds.

Trustees under
the will of
George H.
Morrill.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 148) of the trustees under the will of George H. Morrill that they be reimbursed for fees paid by them to the Commonwealth for registration of certain bonds.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Federal
Constitution, —
referendum
on prohibition
amendment.

Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge introduced (on leave) a Resolve relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149). The resolve was read; and it was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

Cambridge, —
Elbridge G.
Stevens.

On motion of Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge the petition of Elbridge G. Stevens that the city of Cambridge be authorized to retire him on an annual pension, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 150) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Assistant
Clerk of the
Senate.

Notice was received of the appointment of Mr. William H. Sanger of Boston as Assistant Clerk of the Senate for the current political year.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Pay-Roll, on an order instructing said committee to make up the pay-roll for the travelling expenses of members of the House, reported, in part, that the following order, with the accompanying schedule, ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$17,080 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for compensation for travelling expenses, is approved, and that the same be sent to the Governor and Council. House, —
pay-roll for
travelling
expenses.

The report was read. The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Boothman, and the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, and the schedule was signed by the Speaker.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General to make payments to members of the Senate and House of Representatives on account of compensation for services and travelling expenses; Bills
enacted.
and

Making an appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States; (Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

At twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Magee of Winthrop, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, January 7, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Changes in Committees.

Committee on
Administration
and Commis-
sions.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Underhill of Somerville had been relieved, at his own request, from serving on the committee on Administration and Commissions; and that Mr. Waterman of Williamstown had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Committee on
Federal
Relations.

Also that Mr. Waterman of Williamstown had been relieved, at his own request, from serving on the committee on Federal Relations; and that Mr. Underhill of Somerville had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Recommendations for Legislation.

Recommendations received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited with him on or before the first Wednesday in January, as required by the provisions of chapter 269 of the general acts of 1915, were severally referred as follows:—

State Board of
Agriculture.

Recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 152 to 157, inclusive). To the committee on Agriculture.

Board of
Education.

Recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 162 to 167, inclusive, and resolves, House, Nos. 168 and 169). To the committee on Education.

Commission on
Waterways and
Public Lands.

Recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170):

So much as relates to the further development of the port of Boston, and to acquiring the rights and privileges of the Union Freight Railroad Company (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 171 and 172), to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 173, 174, 176, 177 and 178, and by resolve, House, No. 175), to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

City of Fall
River board
of police.

Recommendations of the Licensing Board for the City of Fall River (House, No. 179). To the committee on Legal Affairs.

District Police.

Recommendations of the Chief of the District Police (House, No. 180):

So much as relates to the clerical force and to salaries in the department of the District Police (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 183 and 184), to the committee on Public Service; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 181 and 182, and by resolve, House, No. 185), to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 186) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 187 to 191, inclusive). To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Commissioner
of Weights
and Measures.

Recommendations of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 192) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 193 and 194). To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Metropolitan
Park Com-
mission.

Recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, No. 195) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 196 and 197). To the committee on Military affairs.

Adjutant-
General.

Recommendations of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions (House, No. 198):

Commissioner
of State Aid
and Pensions.

So much as relates to extending the provisions of the state aid law (accompanied by bill, House, No. 199), to the committee on Military Affairs; and

So much as relates to clerical assistance and salaries in the department of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 200), to the committee on Public Service.

Recommendations of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics relating to municipal finances (House, No. 201) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 202, 203 and 204). To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Bureau of
Statistics.

Recommendations of the Board of Registration in Medicine (House, No. 205) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 206 and 207).

Board of
Registration
in Medicine.

Recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, No. 208) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 209 to 213, inclusive).

State Depart-
ment of
Health.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 215 and 216).

State Board
of Charity.

Recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, No. 217) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 218 to 221, inclusive).

Commission
on Mental
Diseases.

Recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital School (House, No. 222).

Massachusetts
Hospital
School.

Recommendations of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 223) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 224, 225 and 226).

Massachusetts
Training
Schools.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Recommendations of the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 227):

State Board of
Labor and
Industries.

So much as relates to the inspection force (accompanied by bill, House, No. 228), to the committee on Public Service; and

So much as relates to receptacles for expectoration in factories and workshops (accompanied by bill, House, No. 229), to the committee on Public Health.

Commission
for the Blind.

Recommendations of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 230).

Homestead
Commission.

Recommendations of the Homestead Commission (House, No. 231).

Commission
on Probation.

Recommendations of the Commission on Probation (House, No. 232) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 233 and 234).

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

State Library.

Recommendations of the trustees of the State Library (House, No. 235). To the committee on State House and Libraries.

Tax Commis-
sioner.

Recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236):

So much as relates to the dissolution of certain corporations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 244), to the committee on Mercantile Affairs; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 237 to 243, inclusive, and 245 to 263, inclusive), to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Recommendations received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited with him subsequently to the first Wednesday in January, were severally referred as follows:—

Industrial
Accident
Board.

Recommendations of the Industrial Accident Board (House, No. 264) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 265 to 268, inclusive). To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Fire Preven-
tion Commis-
sioner.

Recommendations of the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District (House, No. 269). To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Massachusetts
School for the
Feeble-
Minded.

Recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (House, No. 270). To the committee on Public Institutions.

Board of Gas
and Electric
Light Commis-
sioners.

Recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 271) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 272, 273 and 274, and 276 to 279, inclusive, and by resolve, House, No. 275). To the committee on Public Lighting.

Minimum Wage
Commission.

Recommendations of the Minimum Wage Commission (House, No. 280) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 281 to 285, inclusive). To the committee on Social Welfare.

Treasurer
and Receiver-
General.

Recommendations of the Treasurer and Receiver-General (House, No. 286):

So much as relates to the appointment of a second deputy (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287), to the committee on Public Service; and

The residue (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 288 to 291, inclusive), to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Special and Annual Reports.

Special and annual reports were severally referred as follows:—

Report of the special commission (the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, the chairman of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, an assistant Attorney-General and a fourth person appointed by the Governor), under chapter 102 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of amending or supplementing the laws relating to dogs and to the protection from dogs of sheep and other domestic animals and of game (House, No. 25). To the committee on Agriculture.

Dogs, — protection of domestic animals and game.

Annual report, under chapter 248 of the acts of 1904, of the trustees of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River (House, No. 292), received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Education.

The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

Annual report of the State Department of Health, under section 7 of chapter 75 of the Revised Laws, of prosecutions and expenditures under the laws relative to adulterated drugs and food (House, No. 293). To the committee on Public Health.

State Department of Health, — drugs and food.

Report of the Council, under an order of the General Court of 1916, relative to the standardization of the salaries and compensations paid to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (House, No. 1175). To the committee on Public Service.

State and county employees, — standardisation of salaries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Statement of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, under section 4 of chapter 719 of the acts of 1912, of the recommendations of departments, boards, commissions and trustees of institutions for appropriations for special purposes during the current fiscal year (House, No. 2). To the committee on Ways and Means.

State departments, — special appropriations.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:—

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 294) of Andrew P. Doyle for the abolition of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives and for the supervision and management of said hospitals by the State Department of Health. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Hospitals for consumptives, — supervision and management.

By Mr. Costello of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 295) of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that the mayflower be designated as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth.

State floral emblem.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 296) of Edward J. Blanchard that the water lily be designated as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 297) of Coleman E. Kelly that the city of Boston be authorized to construct a foot bridge over the tracks of the New

Boston, — foot bridge over railroad tracks at Savin Hill.

York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in the Savin Hill district of Dorchester.

Boston, —
Harriet L.
Blanchard.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of Harriet L. Blanchard that the city of Boston be authorized to pay her a sum of money in compensation for certain injuries.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Massachusetts
Day.

By Mr. Costello of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 299) of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that the first Monday in October be known as Massachusetts Day. To the committee on Education.

Compulsory
voting; elec-
tions and
primaries.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 300) of Robert B. Martin that voting be made compulsory and that elections, primaries and methods of electioneering be further regulated.

Ward and
town political
committees.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 301) of Harry C. Woodill that members of ward and town political committees shall be legal voters in the ward or town.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Drafting of
aliens.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 302) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to urging Congress to provide for the drafting of aliens. To the committee on Federal Relations.

Mutual insur-
ance com-
panies, —
kinds of
business.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 303) of Charles F. Bowers and another that mutual insurance companies be permitted to transact the same kinds of business as stock companies. To the committee on Insurance.

Boston munic-
ipal court, —
bonding re-
quirements.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 304) of John F. Duffy and others relative to the present bond requirements in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Suffolk
county, —
court pro-
cedure.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 305) of John F. Duffy and others relative to procedure in civil actions in the courts of the county of Suffolk.

Real estate, —
damages by
boards of
survey.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 306) of Lyman W. Griswold and others relative to damages to real estate caused by the construction of ways laid out by boards of survey.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Suffolk
county, —
uniform bail
procedure.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 307) of John F. Duffy and others that the practice in criminal bail be made uniform throughout the county of Suffolk.

Movers of
furniture, —
filing of infor-
mation.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 308) of Fred P. Greenwood that movers of furniture or household goods be required to file certain information with city and town clerks.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 309) of Coleman E. Kelly that the city of Boston be authorized to reduce water meter rates for tenement houses during the winter months. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Boston, —
water meter
rates in winter.

By Mr. Costello of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 310) of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that badges of honor be granted to Massachusetts soldiers who served on the Mexican border in the year 1916-17.

Certain
soldiers, —
badges of
honor.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 311) of Andrew P. Doyle relative to granting further state aid to Massachusetts soldiers, sailors and others in the federal war service.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state aid.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 312) of Coleman E. Kelly for the protection and re-employment of soldiers and sailors who return from the service.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
re-employment.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 313) of J. Francis Southgate relative to the publication of schedules by public service corporations furnishing electricity. To the committee on Public Lighting.

Public service
corporations,
— electricity.

By Mr. Torrey of Groton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 314) of Frank A. Torrey and others that the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex be increased. To the committee on Public Service.

First District
Court of
Northern Mid-
dlesex, — salary
of justice.

By Mr. Wood of Hopkinton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 315) of Wilbur A. Wood relative to the improvement of the highway leading from Milford to Southborough through Hopkinton. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Hopkinton, —
highway im-
provement.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 316) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to the age of the dependent children of mothers to whom aid is given by cities and towns. To the committee on Social Welfare.

Mothers' aid,
— age of de-
pendent
children.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 317) of Robert B. Martin that the price paid for any public service commodities or service be equal for all parts of the city of Boston. To the committee on Street Railways.

Boston, —
uniform price
for public
service.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 318) of William F. Craig for legislation to permit deferred income tax returns and payments by persons in war service.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
deferred tax
returns.

By Mr. Howland of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 319) of Charles M. Carroll relative to allowing the payment of partial payments of taxes and assessments.

Taxes and as-
essments, —
partial
payments.

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 320) of Charles A. Kelley that all citizens in the military or naval service of the United States be exempted from the payment of poll taxes.

Soldiers and
sailors,
poll taxes.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Mary A.
Phillips.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 321) of Mary A. Phillips that the amount of the pension paid her by the Commonwealth be increased. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Metropolitan
district, —
improved
transportation;
metropolitan
transit com-
mission.

A petition (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 322 and 323) of Charles A. Ufford relative to providing for improved freight and passenger transportation in the metropolitan district and the appointment of a metropolitan transit commission, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was referred to the committee on Administration and Commissions. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Sheep and
cattle.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —
Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2) of George A. Hastings for the payment of subsidies to encourage the breeding of sheep and cattle. To the committee on Agriculture.

North Adams,
— party design-
ations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 4) of Ezra D. Whitaker, mayor, and others that party designations be abolished in municipal elections in the city of North Adams.

Crompton &
Knowles Loom
Works of
Worcester,
— bridges.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 5) of the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works of Worcester, by Lucius J. Knowles, president, that said corporation be authorized to construct bridges over certain streets in the city of Worcester.

Worcester, —
bridge over
Tremont
street.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 6) of Forrest W. Taylor, attorney, for authority to construct a bridge over Tremont street in the city of Worcester.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

At twenty-five minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, January 8, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Butler of Lawrence, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules:—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Institutions be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, on or before March 1, the Boston State Hospital, Danvers State Hospital, Foxborough State Hospital, Gardner State Colony, Grafton State Hospital, Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, Medfield State Hospital, Northampton State Hospital, Taunton State Hospital, Westborough State Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, Wrentham State School, Belchertown Colony, Lakeville State Sanatorium, Massachusetts Hospital School, North Reading State Sanatorium, Penikese Hospital, Rutland State Sanatorium, State Infirmary, Westfield State Sanatorium, Industrial School for Boys, Industrial School for Girls, Lyman School for Boys, Massachusetts Reformatory, Prison Camp and Hospital, Reformatory for Women and State Prison.

Committee
on Public
Institutions, —
travel.

Recommendations for Legislation.

Recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (House, No. 158), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited with him before the first Wednesday in January, as required by the provisions of chapter 269 of the general acts of 1915, were referred as follows:—

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College.

So much as relates to improvements and equipment at the college (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 159), to the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly; and

So much as relates to the market garden field station at Lexington (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 160), to the committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Special Report.

A special report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, under chapter 30 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of establishing a hatchery especially adapted for the propagation of salt water fish (House, No. 324), was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence.

Salt water
fish hatchery.

Introduced on Leave.

Resolves were severally introduced on leave, read and referred as follows: —

Special report,
— extension
of time.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, Resolve extending the time for the filing of the report of the special commission appointed to study problems relating to street railways (House, No. 325).

Id.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, Resolve extending the time for the filing of the report of the special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 326).

Severally to the joint committee on Rules.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: —

Public ways,
— removal of
brush and
trees.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the removal of brush and small trees from public ways. To the committee on Agriculture.

Pittsfield, —
Jason N.
Shepardson.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 328) of Edward T. Slocum and others that the city of Pittsfield be authorized to pension Jason N. Shepardson.

Boston, —
Thomas J.
Gorman.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 329) of Joseph McGrath that Thomas J. Gorman, a clerk in the collector's office of the city of Boston, be placed upon the pension roll of said city.

Pittsfield, —
treasurer and
collector of
taxes.

By Mr. Orr of Pittsfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 330) of the mayor of the city of Pittsfield relative to the election of a city treasurer and a collector of taxes for said city.

Boston, —
Jacob Schaffer.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 331) of Jacob Schaffer that the mayor and city council of the city of Boston be authorized to place him upon the pension roll of said city.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Pratt Free
School, —
trustees.

By Mr. Haskins of Middleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 332) of Percy W. Keith and another relative to the residence of the trustees of the Pratt Free School. To the committee on Education.

State officers,
— nomination.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 333) of Martin Hays that candidates for certain state offices be nominated at political conventions.

Absentee
voting.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 334) of James E. Odlin that provision be made for the exercise of the franchise by absent voters.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Fishing and
hunting
licenses.

By Mr. Paine of Holbrook, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 335) of the Massachusetts Fish & Game Protective Association that the issuance of combined fishing and hunting

licenses be authorized. To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 336) of Samuel H. Capen and others relative to labor performed by prisoners and to the penalty for the escape of prisoners. Prisoners, — penalty for escape.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 337) of Alfred Morton Cutler for an amendment of the law relative to the return of executions. Executions, — return.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 338) of Carrie G. Barr relative to the appointment of temporary guardians. Temporary guardians, — appointment.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 339) of Carrie G. Barr relative to the filing of accounts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees. Executors and others, — accounts.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1180) of Fred A. Wilson for a state building law relating to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Buildings, — construction, etc.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 340) of Pearl H. Snow and others relative to permitting fishing in Lake Cochituate. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Lake Cochituate, — use for fishing.

By Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 341) of William C. Jones and another that compensation be paid to said Jones for injuries sustained while in the performance of duty as a member of the militia. William C. Jones.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 342) of Daniel C. Murphy relative to pay for men drafted into the military or naval service of the United States. Soldiers and sailors, — pay.

By Mr. Robinson of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 343) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the Commissioner of War Records be required to make an annual report to the General Court. Commissioner of War Records, — annual report.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the publication of a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion. Civil war, — records.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 345) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the employment on public works of certain prisoners. Prisoners, — employment.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 346) of Samuel H. Capen and others relative to labor performed by prisoners. Id.

Hospitals for
the insane, —
attendants.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 347) of Carrie G. Barr relative to securing attendants for employment in hospitals for the insane.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Commission
on Waterways
and Public
Lands, —
compensation
of employees.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 348) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions that the compensation paid to employees of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands be established.

District
Police, —
compensation
of certain
members.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 349) of Frederick E. Pierce relative to authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse certain persons appointed as special police officers.

State engi-
neering service,
— standardisa-
tion of grades
and compen-
sation.

By Mr. Walker of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 350) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the standardization of grades and compensation in the engineering service of the Commonwealth.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Cumington
and Adams, —
state highway.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 351) of Cornelius Boothman that the appropriation for the construction of a state highway between the towns of Cumington and Adams be increased.

Massachusetts
Highway Com-
mission, —
hours of labor
of employees.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 352) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the hours of labor on highways and bridges under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Arthur B.
Toppan and
another.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 353) of Arthur B. Toppan and another for reimbursement for land taken in the town of Salisbury by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Legislative
documents,
— distribution.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 354) of H. L. Boutwell relative to furnishing cities and towns with copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court. To the joint committee on Rules.

Wage workers,
— state policy.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of the International Jewelry Workers' Union of North Attleborough relative to declaring the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning wage workers, establishing minimum hours of service in certain industries, limiting over time work and fixing compensation therefor.

Boston, —
retirement of
inspectors and
bridge tenders.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 356) of Michael J. Dagle and another that sewer inspectors be included in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston.

Id.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that sewer inspectors, street and sanitary inspectors and bridge tenders be included in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

By Mr. Bunting of Methuen, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Edward A. Raleigh and others relative to the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies. To the committee on Street Railways.

Street railway employees, — hours of labor.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Charles A. Turner and others relative to fees that may be charged by tax collectors for making written demands and for other services. To the committee on Taxation.

Collectors of taxes, — fees.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 360) of Horatio A. Phinney and others relative to the board of survey of the town of Arlington. To the committee on Towns.

Arlington, — board of survey.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 361) of Samantha Talbot and Delia A. Daly, members of the Oneida tribe of Indians, for a continuance of the annuity allowed to them from the treasury of the Commonwealth.

Samantha Talbot and Delia A. Daly.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 362) of James F. McKissock and another relative to changing the manner in which the appropriations are made for the relief of firemen injured in the discharge of duty.

Injured firemen, — relief.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Recommendations and Petitions from the Board of Education.

Recommendations of the Board of Education, under chapter 56 of the acts of 1914, relative to petitions of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, the Emerson College of Oratory and the Board of Trustees of Gordon Bible College for authority to grant certain degrees (House, No. 363), were referred to the committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Board of Education, — recommendations.

Petitions received from the Board of Education, having been deposited in the office of said board as required by the provisions of chapter 56 of the acts of 1914, were severally referred as follows:—

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 364) of the trustees of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy that said college be authorized to grant additional degrees.

Massachusetts College of Osteopathy.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Harry Seymour Ross and others that the Emerson College of Oratory be authorized to grant certain degrees.

Emerson College of Oratory.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 366) of Jason Noble Pierce and others that the Board of Trustees of Gordon Bible College be authorized to grant certain degrees.

Gordon Bible College.

Severally to the committee on Education.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Penshorn of Boston the petition of George Penshorn that for general purposes time be advanced one or two hours ahead of Greenwich mean time, was taken from the files

Advancement of time (between June 17 and October 7).

of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 367) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Arlington, —
improvement
of metropol-
itan park
lands.

On motion of Mr. Bitzer of Arlington the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvements of certain lands given to the Commonwealth by the town of Arlington and of Mystic Valley parkway in the vicinity thereof, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 368) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Aberjona
river in
Winchester, —
improvement.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland of Winchester the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in the town of Winchester, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 369) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Hillcrest
parkway in
Winchester, —
improvement.

On further motion of Mr. Kneeland the Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to improve Hillcrest parkway in the town of Winchester, was taken from the files of last year; and the resolve (House, No. 370) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Small towns,
— highway
improvement.

On motion of Mr. Lyman of Easthampton the Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in towns of less than three million dollars' valuation, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 371) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Soldiers'
exemptions, —
loss of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth the Bill to reimburse cities and towns for taxes lost by soldiers' exemptions, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 372) was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Barnstable
County
Infirmary.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —
Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 7) of Charles L. Gifford and another that admission to the Barnstable County Infirmary be restricted to certain patients and that certain improvements be made at the said infirmary. To the committee on Counties.

Essex county,
— second
assistant
register of
probate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 9) of Harry E. Jackson and another that the second assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Essex may be a woman. To the committee on Legal Affairs.

Wellesley, —
insurance of
residents in
war service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 27) of the selectmen of the town of Wellesley that said town be authorized to pay the cost of insuring the lives of its residents in war service. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Brockton, —
Centre street.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 12) of Stewart B. McLeod, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to extend Centre street in said city. To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 13) of John L. Bates and others that certain persons be permitted to register as physicians. To the committee on Public Health. Physicians, — registration of certain persons.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 14) of William M. Robinson that provision be made for the reinstatement in the public service of certain persons who have enlisted in the army or navy of the United States. To the committee on Public Service. Soldiers and sailors, — reinstatement in public service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 15) of Henry W. Packer and another that the Commonwealth's share of the fees received for liquor licenses be increased. Liquor license fees, — Commonwealth's share.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 16) of James E. MacPherson that Jennie I. Ware be entitled to receive a pension under the teachers' retirement act. Jennie I. Ware, — pension.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

At twenty-seven minutes after two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Members Qualified.

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qualified.

Messrs. Edward F. Harrington of Fall River, Frank Mulveny of Fall River and Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., of Boston, members-elect, being present, Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Warner of Taunton, Burr of Boston, Gibbs of Waltham, Young of Weston, Mahoney of Boston, Jordan of Lawrence and Conroy of Fall River were appointed a committee to conduct them to the Council Chamber to be qualified. Mr. Bliss afterwards reported that Messrs. Harrington, Mulveny and Smith had taken and subscribed the oaths of office, and were duly qualified as members of the House.

The Speaker then announced the following committee appointments: —

Committee
appointments.

Mr. Harrington of Fall River to membership on the committees on Pay-Roll and Mercantile Affairs;

Mr. Mulveny of Fall River to the chairmanship of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands and to membership on the committee on Public Health; and

Mr. Smith of Boston to membership on the committee on Rules and the joint special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the two branches, and to the chairmanship of the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Special and Annual Reports.

Special and annual reports were severally referred as follows: —

State Board
of Charity, —
report on
juvenile
offenders.

Special report of the State Board of Charity, under chapter 46 of the resolves of 1916 and chapter 44 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the care and treatment of juvenile offenders, to unifying under one central authority the training and instruction of boys in industrial schools, and to the acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of the Suffolk School for Boys in the city of Boston (House, No. 1181).

General
laws, —
substantive
changes.

Preliminary report of the commissioners appointed, under chapter 43 of the resolves of 1916, to consolidate and arrange the general laws, submitting substantive changes.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Furnace Brook
parkway, —
extension.

Special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission, under chapter 117 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of extending Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy and of resurfacing a portion of said parkway (House, No. 373). To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Special report of the Sergeant-at-Arms, under a joint order of the Senate and House of Representatives of 1917, relative to the cost of improving the ventilation of the Senate Chamber, the chamber of the House of Representatives and the various committee rooms in the State House (House, No. 664). To the committee on State House and Libraries.

Senate and House chambers and committee rooms, — ventilation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

A bill and resolves were severally introduced on leave, read and referred as follows: —

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, Bill relative to the deposit of certain reports of hearings in the State Library (House, No. 374). To the committee on State House and Libraries. Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of hearings, — deposit in the State Library.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 375).

Constitutional Convention, — expenses.

By the same member, Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses authorized by the Governor and Council in carrying out the provisions of an examination into certain salaries (House, No. 376).

Examination of salaries, — expenses.

Severally to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: —

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377) of Frank P. Newkirk that savings banks be authorized to invest in farmland bonds. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings banks, — farmland bonds.

By Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 378) of A. B. Tolman relative to the approval by the mayor of the city of Lynn of certain votes passed by the city council.

Lynn, — mayor and city council.

By Mr. Bates of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 379) of A. L. Whitman and another that laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Quincy be granted Saturday half-holidays without loss of compensation.

Quincy, — Saturday half-holidays for employees.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 380) of John W. Craig that all employees of the city of Waltham be granted Saturday half-holidays.

Waltham, — Saturday half-holidays for employees.

By Mr. Joyce of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 381) of the Newton Municipal Employees Union relative to vacations for laborers and other employees of the city of Newton. Severally to the committee on Cities.

Newton, — vacations for employees.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 382) of M. J. Fitz Gerald that the city of Northampton be reimbursed for the maintenance of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries.

Northampton, — agricultural and industrial school.

Cities, —
schools of
agriculture and
horticulture.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Denis J. Mahoney relative to authorizing cities to maintain schools of agriculture and horticulture.

Severally to the committee on Education.

City elections,
— preferential
voting.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 384) of Charles H. Porter and others that provision be made for preferential voting at municipal elections in cities. To the committee on Election Laws.

Congress, —
drafting of
aliens.

By Mr. Bates of Salem, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 385) of George J. Bates for the passage by Congress of a law relative to the drafting of aliens. To the committee on Federal Relations.

Boston and
Cambridge
bridges, —
compensation
of employees
for injuries.

By Mr. McNamee of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 386) of Francis F. Morse relative to workmen's compensation for employees of the Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commission. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Liquor
licenses, —
safeguards.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 387) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that the issuing of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be safeguarded further.

Feeble-minded
persons, —
commitment.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 388) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the jurisdiction of certain courts in the commitment of feeble-minded persons.

Conservators
of certain
property.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 389) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the appointment of conservators of the property of aged, weak-minded and unduly influenced persons.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

United Society
of Christian
Endeavor, —
annual
meeting.

By Mr. Richards of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 390) of the United Society of Christian Endeavor relative to the time and place of holding the annual meeting of its board of trustees. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Nahant, —
playground
and landing on
the shore of
Lynn harbor.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 391) of John H. Cogswell relative to the completion of the playground on the shore of Lynn harbor in the town of Nahant and the construction of a public landing in connection therewith.

Lynn harbor,
— improve-
ment.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 392) of John H. Cogswell relative to the dredging of certain flats in Lynn harbor and to the development of the uplands in connection therewith.

Revere, —
extension of
Winthrop
parkway.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 393) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct an extension of Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere.

Revere and
Winthrop, —
parkway con-
nection.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 394) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to complete the acquirement of land for a parkway from Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere to Winthrop Shore Reservation.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 395) of Ira H. Ellis and others for the payment by the Commonwealth of a sum of money to Joseph Hanreddy.

Joseph Hanreddy.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

By Mr. McNamee of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 396) of Michael J. McNamee that cities and towns be authorized to pay to employees drafted into the military or naval service of the United States the difference between their federal and their municipal compensation. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Soldiers and sailors, — monthly payment.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 397) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge and another that said city be authorized to pay certain bills contracted by city officials in excess of appropriations.

Cambridge, — bills in excess of appropriations.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 398) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford relative to the rate of interest on certain bonds issued by said city.

New Bedford, — interest on bonds.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 399) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that unwarranted increases in the price of gas be prohibited. To the committee on Public Lighting.

Price of gas, — unwarranted increases.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 400) of John W. Craig that the salaries of certain clerks, stenographers and messengers in the employ of the Commonwealth be established.

Clerks, stenographers and messengers, — salaries.

By Mr. Harriman of Stow, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 401) of Rowland P. Harriman that the chief of the fire department of the town of Hudson be placed under the civil service.

Hudson, — chief of fire department.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 402) of Carl C. Emery relative to the color of lights that may be displayed on motor vehicles. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Motor vehicles, — color of lights.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 403) of The Women's Trade Union League relative to the hours of labor of women and children in certain industries. To the committee on Social Welfare.

Women and children, — hours of labor.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 404) of James E. Odlin relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth. To the committee on Street Railways.

Street railways, — state ownership.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 405) of James F. McKissock relative to furnishing relief to the family of William J. Dolan who died as the result of injuries received in the discharge of his duties as a fireman. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Family of William J. Dolan.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Marshfield and
Duxbury, —
boundary line.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of Edmund A. Whitman and others for the annexation to the town of Marshfield of a certain portion of the town of Duxbury, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was referred to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Town of
Salisbury
Beach, —
proposed
incorporation.

Mr. Emery of Newburyport presented a petition of Samuel F. Beckman and others for a division of the town of Salisbury and the incorporation of the town of Salisbury Beach. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

Mount Grace,
— state forest.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Athol the petition of Paul W. Goldsbury for the establishment of Mount Grace in the town of Warwick as a state forest, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Pleasant bay
in Orleans, —
fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Provincetown the petition of Charles L. Gifford that the beam trawl and the otter trawl may be used in fishing for flounders in Pleasant bay in the town of Orleans, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 408) was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Partnership
property, —
mortgages.

On motion of Mr. Wasserman of Boston the petition of Jacob Wasserman relative to prohibiting the sale or mortgage by one member of a partnership of partnership property, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 409) was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Gay Head, —
state reservation.

On motion of Mr. Collins of Edgartown the special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, under chapter 76 of the resolves of 1916, relative to acquiring land in the town of Gay Head for a state reservation, was taken from the files of last year; and the report (House, No. 1643 of 1917) was referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

South Cemetery
Corporation
of Leyden.

On motion of Mr. Beaman of Leverett the petition of John W. Haigis that the South Cemetery Corporation of Leyden be authorized to use certain trust funds for the purpose of improving the cemetery, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 410) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Cambridge
park lands, —
metropolitan
control.

On motion of Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge the Bill authorizing the transfer of certain Cambridge park lands to the care and control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and directing said commission to inquire into the expediency of acquiring such care and control over all other municipal park lands within the metropolitan parks district, was taken from the files of last year;

and the bill (House, No. 411) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Babb of Boston the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to construct the West Roxbury parkway in the city of Boston, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 412) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

West Roxbury parkway, — construction.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the Woburn parkway, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 413) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Woburn parkway, — completion.

On motion of Mr. Woodill of Melrose the Bill relative to the construction of a boulevard from Melrose to Saugus, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 414) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Melrose and Saugus, — boulevard connection.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Agawam the Bill to provide for the construction of a highway from the town of Blandford to the town of Great Barrington, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 415) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Blandford and Great Barrington, — highway connection.

On motion of Mr. Odlin of Lynn the Resolve providing for the completion of the State House grounds, was taken from the files of last year; and the resolve (House, No. 416) was referred to the committee on State House and Libraries.

State House grounds, — completion.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and to consider the working of the existing laws of the Commonwealth relating to the taxation of corporations, the taxation of tangible personal property and the desirability of continuing to exempt from taxation the bonds and notes of the Commonwealth and the political subdivisions thereof (Senate, No. 28) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Joint special recess committee on taxation, — report.

Resolutions urging the enactment by Congress of legislation enabling soldiers and others in the federal service to accept honors and decorations proffered by the allies of the United States (Senate, No. 18) were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Soldiers and sailors, — foreign decorations.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 17) of G. W. Jones that the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind be abolished and that the office of commissioner for the blind be established. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, — abolition.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3) of Ezra D. Whitaker, mayor, and others, for certain amendments to the charter of the city of North Adams. To the committee on Cities.

North Adams, — charter.

Absentee
voting.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 8) of Joseph O. Knox that provision be made for absentee voting. To the committee on Election Laws.

Judges of
probate and
insolvency, —
expenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 19) of Raymond A. Hopkins that judges of probate and insolvency be reimbursed for expenses incurred in holding court in counties other than their own. To the committee on Legal Affairs.

Boston Transit
Commission,
— transfer of
employees.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 20) of Charles S. Lawler that employees of the Boston Transit Commission may be transferred to the employ of certain municipalities without civil service examination.

Metropolitan
Park Commis-
sion, — vaca-
tions for
employees.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21) of Michael D. Collins, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that annual vacations of two weeks be granted certain employees of the Metropolitan Park Commission.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Soldiers and
sailors, — state
pay and aid
for dependents.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 10) of George A. Hastings that provision be made for state pay for residents of Massachusetts drafted into the service of the United States and for state and municipal aid for their dependents.

Allan C.
Morrison.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 36) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Allan C. Morrison be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred on account of injuries received by him in the discharge of military duties.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

Wellesley, —
interest on
water loan
bonds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of the selectmen of the town of Wellesley that said town be authorized to increase the rate of interest to be paid on "Water Loan of 1913" securities.

Wellesley, —
interest on
sewerage loan
bonds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 23) of Patrick J. Fitzpatrick and other selectmen of the town of Wellesley that the rate of interest to be paid by said town on "Sewerage Loan of 1915" securities be increased.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, to whom was referred the following order, reported that the same ought to be adopted: —

Committee
on Public
Institutions, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Institutions be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, on or before March 1, the Boston State Hospital, Danvers State Hospital, Foxborough State Hospital, Gardner State Colony, Grafton State Hospital, Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, Medfield State Hospital, Northampton State Hospital, Taunton State Hospital, Westborough State Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, Wrentham State School, Belchertown Colony, Lakeville State Sanatorium, Massachusetts Hospital School, North Reading State Sanatorium, Penikese Hospital, Rutland State Sanatorium,

State Infirmary, Westfield State Sanatorium, Industrial School for Boys, Industrial School for Girls, Lyman School for Boys, Massachusetts Reformatory, Prison Camp and Hospital, Reformatory for Women and State Prison.

The report was read; and the order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-six minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wilson of South Hadley, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, January 10, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Hour of
meeting on
Fridays.

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns on Thursday of each week, it adjourn to meet on the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and that, when the House adjourns on Friday of each week, it adjourn to meet on the following Monday.

On motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston, —

Diagram of
seats.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare a diagram showing the arrangement of seats in the Representatives' Chamber, and furnish each member of the House with a copy thereof.

Honorable Crawford Vaughan of South Australia.

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of South
Australia.

At ten minutes past two o'clock Mr. Warner of Taunton moved that a recess be taken, subject to the call of the Chair, in order that a distinguished visitor might be introduced to the members; and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker then introduced the Honorable Crawford Vaughan, former Minister of Education, former Treasurer and former Prime Minister of South Australia, who addressed the House briefly.

Special and Annual Reports.

Special and annual reports were severally referred as follows: —

Southeastern
Massachusetts,
— state normal
school.

Special report of the Board of Education, under chapter 118 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the need of a state normal school in the southeastern district of Massachusetts (House, No. 418). To the committee on Education.

Boston harbor,
— sewage.

Report of the chairman of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, the Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth and the commissioner of public works of the city of Boston, under chapter 56 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the pollution by sewage of Boston harbor and neighboring waters and to the removal from the sewage of merchantable products contained therein (House, No. 1215).

Jacob and
Harris
Lander.

Special report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, under chapter 114 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the claim of Jacob Lander and Harris Lander of Sherborn for compensation for damage to their property at Saxonville in the town of Framingham by reason of water from a reservoir under the control of said board (House, No. 417).

Special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission, under chapter 119 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the condition of the bridges over the Charles river within the metropolitan parks district and to the necessity or desirability of reconstructing any of them (House, No. 1182).

Charles river,
— bridges in
the metropoli-
tan parks
district.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Special report of the State Department of Health, under chapter 52 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the feasibility and probable cost of draining and improving the low and marsh land along the lower reaches of the Neponset river and the shores of Quincy bay (House, No. 1186). To the committee on Public Health.

Lower
Neponset
river and
shores of
Quincy bay, —
improvement.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Statement of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, under section 3 of chapter 719 of the acts of 1912, of the estimates for appropriations for the maintenance of the various departments, institutions and undertakings of the Commonwealth and for interest and sinking fund requirements during the current fiscal year (House, No. 1). To the committee on Ways and Means.

Auditor of the
Common-
wealth, —
estimates for
appropriations.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington introduced (on leave) a Resolve to provide for certain expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 419). The resolve was read; and it was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Constitutional
Convention,
— expenses.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: —

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Louis S. Cox and other district attorneys relative to the reorganization of the District Police and the establishment of a state detective force. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

District Police,
— reorganisa-
tion.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 421) of Clarence H. Granger relative to the appointment of dog officers by county commissioners. To the committee on Agriculture.

Dog officers, —
appointment.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 422) of Wendell D. Rockwood and another that the city of Cambridge be authorized to pension Ella A. Lothrop.

Cambridge, —
Ella A.
Lothrop.

By Mr. Cronin of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 423) of John Cronin relative to the establishment of the two-platoon service in the fire forces of the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke
fire depart-
ment, — two-
platoon system.

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 424) of Charles A. Kelley that a minimum wage be fixed for employees of the city of Worcester.

Worcester, —
minimum wage
for employees.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 425) of John J. Murphy and others that the city of Holyoke be authorized to pension Mary Clifford.

Holyoke, —
Mary Clifford.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Counties, —
indebtedness
for tuberculosis
hospitals.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 426) of the county commissioners and county treasurer of the county of Bristol relative to the issuance of notes by counties in connection with the construction of tuberculosis hospitals. To the committee on Counties.

New Bedford
Textile School.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 427) of the trustees of the New Bedford Textile School relative to the maintenance of said school. To the committee on Education.

Voters, —
information on
election
matters.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 428) of Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for furnishing voters with information regarding candidates and referendum measures.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 429) of Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for providing the voters with information regarding measures referred to them at state elections.

Id.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 431) of James MacKaye for the issuance by the Commonwealth of an election bulletin and other information for the voters.

Adams, —
municipal
elections.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 430) of Cornelius Boothman that party designations in municipal elections in the town of Adams be abolished and that primary elections and caucuses in said town be abolished.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Dukes County,
— protection
of water fowl.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 432) of William H. Proctor and others for the better protection of water fowl in the county of Dukes County and near Great Herring pond in the town of Edgartown.

Lobsters.

By Mr. Wonson of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 433) of James W. Marchant relative to reducing, for the period of the war, the length of lobsters which may legally be taken.

Severally to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Prisoners
removed to
county farms,
— custody.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 434) of Edward J. Cox relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Aliens, —
licenses.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 435) of J. T. Crowley that the granting of licenses to aliens be prohibited.

Boston, —
hackney
stands.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 436) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the establishment and regulation of hackney stands in the city of Boston.

Co-operative
banks, —
mortgages
from executors
and others.

By Mr. French of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 437) of Delavan C. Delano relative to the authority of judges of probate to grant licenses to executors, administrators, guardians and others to give mortgages to co-operative banks.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 438) of John R. Hudson that certain acts of Thomas F. Bergin as a justice of the peace be confirmed. Thomas F. Bergin.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 439) of Coleman E. Kelly relative to preserving the condition and appearance of flags used for public display. Flags, — condition and appearance.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 440) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to carrying on the business of bootblacks on the Lord's Day. Lord's Day, — bootblacks.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 441) of Lawrence F. Quigley for the regulation of boxing exhibitions in the city of Chelsea. Chelsea, — boxing exhibitions.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 442) of Peter I. Adams relative to a standard measure for the sale of gasoline. Gasoline, — standard measure.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 443) of Oakes A. Bridgham that all fees for sealing weights, measures, scales and balances be abolished. Sealers' fees, — abolition.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 444) of Addison L. Green relative to authorizing certain corporations to make certain contributions in war time. Corporations, — contributions in war time.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that the use of asphalt shingles in the city of Boston be authorized. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Boston, — use of asphalt shingles.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 446) of George C. Peterson that payments to be made by the Commonwealth to soldiers and sailors shall apply to all citizens who enlist. Soldiers and sailors, — payments.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 447) of William A. Kneeland that the town of Winchester be reimbursed for money expended for the State Guard. Winchester, — expense of State Guard.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 448) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to payments by the Commonwealth to dependents of soldiers and sailors. Soldiers and sailors, — dependents.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 449) of Frank G. Allen and others that the town of Norwood be authorized to refund certain temporary loans. Norwood, — refunding temporary loans.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 450) of the selectmen of the town of Watertown relative to the rate of interest on bonds or notes issued by said town to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Charles river between said town and the city of Boston. Watertown, — interest on bridge bonds.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 451) of Alvin E. Bliss for an extension of the time within Chiropradists, — registration.

which application for registration may be made by chiropodists to the Board of Registration in Medicine. To the committee on Public Health.

Municipal
lighting plants.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 452) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the vote required for the establishment of municipal lighting plants by cities.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 453) of Charles H. Morrill that cities and towns be authorized to establish municipal lighting plants without the purchase of existing plants.

Severally to the committee on Public Lighting.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
civil service
ratings.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 454) of Fred P. Greenwood that persons in the military or naval service of the United States shall not lose their civil service ratings.

Civil service,
— removals,
etc.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 455) of Albert L. Whitman relative to the removal, suspension and reduction of persons subject to the civil service laws.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

State high-
ways and
state-aided
ways, —
sidewalks.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the maintenance by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of sidewalks along state highways and state-aided ways.

Gardner and
Winchendon,
— highway
improvement.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 457) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the improvement of a certain highway in the towns of Gardner and Winchendon.

Ware and
West Brook-
field, — high-
way improve-
ment.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 458) of Roland D. Sawyer that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve the highway between the towns of Ware and West Brookfield.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Quarantined
persons, —
compensation.

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Charles A. Kelley that provision be made for compensating persons who are prevented from working by being quarantined.

Women in
theatres, —
hours of labor.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 460) of Lawrence F. Quigley that the hours of employment of women engaged in theatrical enterprises be limited.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Public utilities,
— public opera-
tion.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 461) of Robert B. Martin relative to authorizing the Commonwealth and its cities and towns to operate public utilities.

Electric pas-
senger cars, —
heating.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Peter I. Adams relative to the heating of electric passenger cars.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 463) of Charles H. Morrill relative to public ownership and operation of street and elevated railways.

Street and elevated rail-ways. — public ownership.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 464) of Cornelius Boothman relative to the distribution of the corporate franchise taxes of domestic business corporations.

Business corporation franchise taxes, — distribution.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of David J. O'Connell relative to enabling fire, water, improvement, light and watch districts having the power of taxation to participate in the distribution of the tax on incomes.

Fire, water and other districts, — income tax distribution.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Richards of Malden, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 466) of Edmund F. Merriam that he be reimbursed for a tax paid by him in the town of Sharon under the law relative to the registration of bonds. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Edmund F. Merriam.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 467) of L. M. Stanley and others relative to confirming and establishing the rights and powers of the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was referred to the committee on Street Railways. Sent up for concurrence.

Swansea and Seekonk Street Rail-way Company.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Kent of Pittsfield the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Mohawk Trail Reservation, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 468) was referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Mohawk Trail Reservation.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge the Bill to establish the Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in the county of Worcester, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 469) was referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation.

On motion of Mr. Marsh of Hingham the petition of Reginald L. Robbins for legislation to fix the salary of the Tax Commissioner, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Tax Commissioner, — salary.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Lynn the Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to improve certain roads in the towns of Wakefield and Saugus, was taken from the files

Wakefield and Saugus, — highway improvement.

of last year; and the bill (House, No. 470) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Leominster,
— improvement of Lancaster street.

On motion of Mr. Hull of Leominster the Bill relative to the improvement of Lancaster street in the city of Leominster, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 471) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Holden and Wachusett Mountain, — highway improvement.

On motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester the Bill to provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of the highway between the town of Holden and the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 472) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Governor's address, — disposition.

A report of the joint committee on Rules, who were instructed to consider what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1), recommending that the same be referred as follows: —

So much thereof as relates to the State Guard, to the joint committee on Military Affairs;

So much thereof as relates to an increased appropriation for safeguarding conditions near military camps, to the joint committee on Ways and Means;

So much thereof as relates to safeguards against accidents in industrial pursuits, to the joint committee on the Judiciary;

So much thereof as relates to health insurance, to the joint committee on Social Welfare;

So much thereof as relates to the budget system, to the joint committee on Ways and Means;

So much thereof as relates to street railways, to the joint committee on Street Railways;

So much thereof as relates to the authority of the Public Service Commission, to the joint committee on Administration and Commissions;

So much thereof as relates to an appropriation for the Constitutional Convention, to the joint committee on Ways and Means;

So much thereof as relates to absentee voting, to the joint committee on Election Laws;

So much thereof as relates to continuation schools, to the joint committee on Education;

So much thereof as relates to physical training in schools, to the joint committee on Education; and

So much thereof as relates to educational facilities for men injured in war service, to the joint committee on Education, —

Accepted by the Senate, was read. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 11) of George E. Curran that provision be made for state pay for residents of Massachusetts drafted into the service of the United States and for state and municipal aid for their dependents, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs.

At twenty-nine minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Report.

State Department of Health, —
protection of water supplies.

The annual report of the State Department of Health, under section 115 of chapter 75 of the Revised Laws, on the purification and prevention of pollution of the sources of water supply and the inland waters of the Commonwealth (House, No. 537) was referred to the committee on Water Supply. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Water fowl, —
closed season.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown presented Resolutions in favor of the ratification of the closed season on water fowl recommended by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture (House, No. 538), which were read; and they were referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows: —

Bureau of war records, —
investigation.

By Mr. Robinson of Somerville, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 474) of Alfred Morton Cutler and others for an investigation by the Supervisor of Administration of the business methods of the bureau of war records in the department of the Adjutant-General.

Compilation of civil war records, —
discontinuance.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 475) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the work of compiling a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion be discontinued.

Severally to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Milk and milk containers.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 476) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the sale of milk and to the containers in which it is put up for sale. To the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly.

Massachusetts Credit Union Bank.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Felix Vorenberg and others for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Credit Union Bank. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Lynn, —
extension of Parkland avenue.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 478) of Hiram E. Miller and others that the city of Lynn be authorized to extend Parkland avenue through Pine Grove Cemetery.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Matthew A. Higgins for the establishment of a standard home rule charter for cities. Cities. — standard home rule charter.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 480) of Robert T. Kent that the time be extended within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough. Lanesborough, — water from Pittsfield.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Charles H. Morrill that city governments be authorized to submit questions to the voters either voluntarily or by the initiative and referendum. City governments, — questions to the voters.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 482) of Charles H. Morrill for an amendment of the Constitution authorizing the General Court to pass laws providing for the recall of state, county and district officers. State, county and district officers, — recall.
To the committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 483) of John F. Merrill that the amount that may be paid by the county of Norfolk for land for the registry of deeds in Dedham be increased. Norfolk county, — land in Dedham for registry of deeds.

By Mr. Paine of Holbrook, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 484) of John F. Merrill that the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk be authorized to sell certain land in the town of Randolph and to purchase land in the town of Braintree for a hospital for tuberculous patients. Norfolk county, — land for a hospital for tuberculous patients.

Severally to the committee on Counties.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 485) of the trustees of the New Bedford Textile School that the Commonwealth acquire and maintain said school. New Bedford Textile School, — state control.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 486) of John C. Hull relative to the support of superintendents of schools by unions of towns. Towns, — superintendents of schools.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 487) of Warren H. Baxter and others that the town of New Ashford be paid an additional sum of money for school purposes. New Ashford, — support of schools.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 488) of the Shirley-Eustis House Association that the scope of the charter of said association be enlarged. Shirley-Eustis House Association.

Severally to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 489) of James Mott Hallowell for the passage of resolutions in favor of a league of nations to enforce peace after the termination of the present war. To the committee on Federal Relations. League of nations to enforce peace.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 490) of Lawrence F. Quigley that fire insurance companies pay part of the cost of equipping and maintaining fire departments in cities and towns. Fire insurance companies, — support of fire departments.

Stock insurance companies, — dividends.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 491) of William R. Hedge and others that the dividends paid by stock insurance companies be further regulated.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

Market street in Lynn, — land damages.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 492) of Charles A. Littlefield and another that the time be extended within which petitions may be brought for land damages caused by the laying out of Market street in the city of Lynn.

Judgments, orders, decrees, etc., — suspension.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 493) of Matthew A. Higgins that certain judgments, orders, decrees and other processes affecting persons in the military or naval service of the United States be suspended during the continuance of the war.

Injured employees, — actions at law.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to the right to sue for sickness or injury arising out of or in the course of employment.

Furnishing of bail, — recommending of attorneys.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 495) of John F. Duffy that the recommending of attorneys in connection with furnishing bail in criminal cases be prohibited.

Injured employees, — full compensation.

By Mr. Nason of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 496) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for full compensation to employees injured in the course of their employment when disability continues twenty-one days.

Boston and Cambridge bridge employees, — compensation for injuries.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 497) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that workmen's compensation be provided for the employees of the Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Sale of food, — advertisements.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Frank A. Foster that advertising the sale of articles of food be prohibited.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Lord's Day, — certain sports.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 499) of Etta C. Willard relative to permitting the playing of golf, tennis and baseball on the Lord's Day.

Lord's Day, — fishing.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 501) of Edward A. Scigliano relative to fishing on the Lord's Day.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 502) of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society and the Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association that they be consolidated under the name Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

Inspectors of masonry.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 503) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that inspectors of masonry shall have had practical experience.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 504) of Charles S. O'Connor that certain corporations elect to membership on boards of directors representatives of organized labor.

Corporations,
— membership
of boards of
directors.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 505) of Joseph L. Barry and others that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to expend a further sum of money for completing the improvement of the northeastern shore of Lynn harbor. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Shore of Lynn
harbor, — im-
provement.

By Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 506) of Eddy P. Dunbar that the town of Bridgewater be reimbursed for a sum of money expended for the State Guard.

Bridgewater,
— expense of
State Guard.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 507) of Frank Bourne relative to advancing the time when marriages of civil war veterans will permit widows to receive state aid.

Widows of
civil war
veterans, —
state aid.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 508) of Matthew A. Higgins that men drafted into the federal service shall receive ten dollars monthly from the Commonwealth.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state pay.

By Mr. Ollendorff of Medway, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 509) of William W. Ollendorff that all citizens of the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States from this or from other states be entitled to receive state aid.

Id.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 510) of Lawrence F. Quigley that soldiers and sailors who reserve part of their federal pay shall receive a certain amount from the Commonwealth on the termination of service.

Id.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 511) of George M. Worrall that citizens of the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States from this or from other states be entitled to receive state aid.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 512) of A. E. Rowse that the standard of cider vinegar be established and that the sale thereof be further regulated.

Cider vinegar,
— standard.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Robert M. Washburn that school pupils receive medical and surgical care and treatment at public expense.

School chil-
dren, — med-
ical care.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Thomas F. Moore relative to the care of certain children at the Massachusetts Hospital School.

Massachusetts
Hospital
School, —
care of
children.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 515) of Thomas F. Moore for an increase in the allowance

Persons with-
out legal settle-
ment, — burial.

for the burial of persons having no legal settlement in the Commonwealth.

Charitable institutions, — inspection.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of the Order of Patriot Dames of Massachusetts relative to the inspection of certain public and private institutions.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, — sliding scale system.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 517) of William F. Dwyer for the repeal of the law authorizing the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to furnish gas and declare dividends on the sliding scale system. To the committee on Public Lighting.

Springfield fire department chief, — civil service.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 518) of Giles Blague that the chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield be placed under the civil service laws.

Suffolk county, — salary of the chief deputy sheriff.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 519) of George A. Douglas and another that the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk be established.

Police Court of Springfield, — salary of justice.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 520) of James L. Doherty and others that the salary of the justice of the Police Court of Springfield be established.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Railroads in the metropolitan district, — electrification.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 521) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston.

Boston Terminal Company, — trustees.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 522) of George P. Furber and another for the appointment of additional trustees of the Boston Terminal Company.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Motor vehicles, — theft.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 523) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the theft of motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles, — larceny, etc.; garages, — records.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 524) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the larceny of motor vehicles, to the alteration or defacing of numbers of motor vehicles and providing that garages shall keep a record of motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles, — concealment, etc.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 525) of William E. Lalime and others relative to concealment and misrepresentation of the identity of motor vehicles.

Nicholas B. Lake.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 526) of Nicholas B. Lake that he be reimbursed for land taken by the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of a road in the town of Salisbury.

Brightman Street bridge in Fall River, — state control.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 527) of Edward F. Harrington that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be given control of the Brightman Street bridge in the city of Fall River.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 528) of the mayor of the city of Leominster that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve Prospect street in said city. Prospect street in Leominster, — improvement.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 529) of John J. Murphy and others for the construction of homesteads in the city of Holyoke by the Homestead Commission. Holyoke, — state homesteads.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 530) of Charles S. O'Connor that van drivers employed by the county of Suffolk or the city of Boston be pensioned. Suffolk county and Boston, — pensions for van drivers.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 531) of Etta C. Willard relative to providing a public check room in the State House. To the committee on State House and Libraries. State House, — public check room.

By Mr. Howland of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 532) of the Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors relative to the returns of certain corporations to the Tax Commissioner. Corporations, — returns to the Tax Commissioner.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 533) of The Massachusetts Single Tax League that buildings, land improvements and the site value of land be assessed separately. Buildings, land improvements and site value, — separate assessment.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 536) of Charles F. Pidgin for a continuance of the annuity allowed to him from the treasury of the Commonwealth. To the joint committee on Ways and Means. Charles F. Pidgin, — annuity.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 534) of Albert Boyden for a state appropriation toward the maintenance of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes. New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes.

By Mr. Paine of Holbrook, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 535) of Charles H. Messenger that he be compensated for injuries received at the pscopathic department of the Boston State Hospital. Charles H. Messenger.

Severally to the committee on Ways and Means.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River the petition of James T. Bagshaw relative to an investigation by the Insurance Commissioner of the rates for fire insurance, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 539) was referred to the committee on Insurance. Fire insurance rates, — investigation.

Charles river
in Newton and
Waltham, —
sanitation.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs of Waltham the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to take certain measures for the protection of the public health in and along the Charles river in the cities of Newton and Waltham, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 540) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Williamstown,
— highway
improvement.

On motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown the Bill to provide for the construction and maintenance of a state highway in the town of Williamstown, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 541) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Lunenburg, —
highway
improvement.

On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Fitchburg the Bill to provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the town of Lunenburg, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 542) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Holland and
Brimfield, —
highway
improvement.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Agawam the Bill to provide for the construction and improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Holland and Brimfield, was taken from the files of last year; and the bill (House, No. 543) was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

School
janitors, —
pensions.

On motion of Mr. Dunkle of Boston the petition of Edwin H. Newell relative to providing pensions for janitors of school houses and public buildings, was taken from the files of last year; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 544) was referred to the committee on Social Welfare.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

State depart-
ments, —
printing;
public docu-
ments, etc., —
distribution.

The special report of the Commission on Economy and Efficiency, under chapter 11 of the resolves of 1916, relative to the amount and expense of the printing done for each department of the Commonwealth and the cost of distribution of public documents and other publications authorized by law (House, No. 2175 of 1916), having been taken from the Senate files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Arborists, —
registration.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 42) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that arborists be registered. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Co-operative
banks, — loans.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of W. R. Landers that co-operative banks may loan matured share funds in first mortgages on real estate subject to certain limitations. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Smith's Agri-
cultural School.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 43) of Charles W. Whiting and others that Smith's Agricultural School be established. To the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 30) of Thomas H. Bates and others that the amount of bond or bail shall be a lien upon real estate owned by the giver. Bond or bail, —
lien upon real
estate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 44) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that chauffeurs be included in the provisions of the workmen's compensation act. Chauffeurs, —
compensation
for injuries.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 45) of the Weavers Union of New Bedford, by Samuel Connor, president, relative to specifications to be furnished textile operators. To the committee on Labor. Textile
operators, —
specifications.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Thomas H. Bates and others that bonds be furnished by bail commissioners. Bail commis-
sioners, —
bonds.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 32) of Charles Adams that the maximum rate of interest on small loans be decreased. Small loans, —
interest.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 46) of Rocco Abruzzo and others that the employment of police officers as interpreters in criminal cases be prohibited. Police officers
as interpreters.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 33) of John I. Fitzgerald that George F. Doherty may be transferred from the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination. George F.
Doherty.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of John I. Fitzgerald that George Goodfellow may be transferred from the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination. George
Goodfellow.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 35) of M. F. O'Brien, president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a minimum wage for laborers in the metropolitan service be established. Laborers in
the metropol-
itan district, —
minimum
wage.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 37) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for state pay for residents of Massachusetts drafted into the service of the United States and for state and municipal aid for their dependents. To the committee on Military Affairs. Soldiers and
sailors, —
state pay and
aid for
dependents.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 24) of Charles E. Burbank that women be eligible for service on boards of health. Boards of
health, —
women as
members.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 25) of Edward N. Dahlborg that the time for registration of chiropodists be extended to March 1, 1918. Chiropodists, —
registration.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 38) of John E. Beck for legislation to establish permanent tenure of office for the city clerk of the city of Chelsea. Chelsea, —
tenure of office
of city clerk.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 48) of the board of aldermen of the city of Chicopee that the provisions of the civil Chicopee
superintendent
of streets, —
civil service.

service law be extended to the superintendent of streets of said city.

Inspectors of weights and measures, — salaries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 49) of Philias J. Tetrault and others that the salaries of inspectors of weights and measures be established.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Southbridge, — grade crossings.

Petition (taken from the files of last year) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 57) of the selectmen of the town of Southbridge for legislation to require or authorize the intervention of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation in proceedings for the abolition of certain grade crossings in said town, was referred in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

Operators of motor vehicles, — examination for licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that examination of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be required.

Traffic officers, — lights.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 51) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that light be thrown on traffic officers at street crossings.

Motor vehicles, — spot-lights.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, relative to the use of spot-lights on motor vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Laborers in the metropolitan district, — retirement contributions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 39) of Frank Freeman, secretary of the Park Employees Union, that laborers and others in the metropolitan service be excused from making contributions to the state retirement fund. To the committee on Social Welfare.

Inheritance taxes, — discount.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 40) of Guy Newhall that a discount be allowed on advance payment of inheritance taxes.

Collectors of taxes, — demands.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 54) of Richard L. Morey and another relative to demands to be made by collectors of taxes.

Assessors, — tax sales.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55) of Charles A. Frazer and another relative to duties of assessors in connection with tax sales.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Needham, — Saturday half-holiday for laborers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 56) of A. L. Moriarty, vice president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a Saturday half-holiday be granted to certain laborers employed by the town of Needham. To the committee on Towns.

Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 26) of Charles L. Gifford and others that annuities be granted to Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond, both of Mashpee. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 317) of Robert B. Martin that the price paid for any public service commodities or service be equal for all parts of the city of Boston, which had been referred, by the House, to the committee on Street Railways, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary. The House insisted on its reference, on motion of Mr. Martin of Boston; and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Boston, —
uniform price
for public
service.

A special report of the Commission on Probation, asking that the time for making report on the methods of parole and release from county jails and houses of correction, as required by chapter 77 of the resolves of 1917, be extended, was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Rules.

Commission
on Probation,
— time for
report on
methods of
parole and
release.

Notice was received that Senator Edwin T. McKnight had been appointed a member of the committee on Banks and Banking, to occupy the first place therein; a member of the committee on Insurance, to occupy the third place therein; and a member of the committee on Street Railways, to occupy the second place therein.

Committee
appointments.

At twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Marsh of Hingham, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, January 14, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual and special reports were referred as follows:—

Drainage
surveys, —
reclamation
and use of
wet lands.

First annual report of the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health, under chapter 212 of the general acts of 1917, relative to the drainage of wet lands for agricultural and industrial uses, the protection of the public health, the utilization of deposits therein and for other purposes (House, No. 546). To the committee on Agriculture.

Greenfield and
Montague, —
bridge over the
Connecticut
river.

Report of the county commissioners of the county of Franklin, under chapter 109 of the resolves of 1917, relative to reconstructing the bridge over the Connecticut river between the towns of Greenfield and Montague (House, No. 545). To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Resolutions.*Congress, —
system of
daylight
saving.

Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge presented Resolutions in favor of the adoption by Congress of a system of daylight saving (House, No. 662), the same having been deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, which were read; and they were referred to the committee on Federal Resolutions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows:—

Industrial
Accident
Board, —
abolition.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 547) of John D. Mulloney that the Industrial Accident Board be abolished and that its powers and duties be transferred to the Superior Court. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Farm
products, —
sale on com-
mission.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 548) of Peter I. Adams that the sale of farm products on commission be regulated.

Public ways,
— removal of
brush.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 549) of Alvin R. Wilson and another relative to clearing brush from the edges of highways.

Berry-bearing
shrubberty, —
compensation
for destruction.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 550) of Frank Mulveny for compensation to owners of berry-bearing shrubberty destroyed by agents of the State Nursery Inspector.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 551) of Joseph E. Freeling relative to loans by co-operative banks from national banks, trust companies, savings banks or co-operative banks.

Co-operative banks, — loans.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 552) of Daniel T. O'Connell that trustees and officers of savings banks be elected by depositors.

Savings banks, — election of officers by depositors.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 553) of Henry Parkman that savings banks and institutions for savings be authorized to pension their employees.

Savings banks, — pensioning of employees.

Severally to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 554) of Gilbert H. Smith and others that the city of Boston be authorized to reimburse said Smith for money expended in connection with his removal as a building inspector of said city.

Boston, — Gilbert H. Smith.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to placing the janitors of school buildings in the city of Somerville under the jurisdiction of the school committee of said city.

Somerville, — jurisdiction over janitors of school buildings.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 556) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to the construction of school buildings and the employment of school janitors in the city of Somerville.

Somerville, — school buildings and janitors.

By Mr. McIntosh of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 557) of the mayor of the city of Quincy that said city be authorized to pension Lawrence Keegan.

Quincy, — Lawrence Keegan.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 558) of Jacob Bitzer and others that the provisions of the retirement law for counties be suspended in the case of Frederick G. Coker, superintendent of buildings of the county of Middlesex. To the committee on Counties.

Middlesex county, — Frederick G. Coker.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 559) of Peter I. Adams that school dentists be appointed in each city and town.

School dentists.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 560) of the trustees of the Lowell Textile School for an appropriation for said school.

Lowell Textile School, — maintenance.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 561) of the trustees of the Lowell Textile School relative to the transfer of the property of said school to the Commonwealth.

Lowell Textile School, — state control.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 562) of David J. Maloney relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund.

Massachusetts School Fund.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 563) of David J. Maloney relative to the establishment and for the distribution of a state school fund.

State school fund.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 564) of David J. Maloney relative to the establishment and for the distribution of a state school fund.

Adams
Temple and
School Trust
Fund.

By Mr. McIntosh of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 565) of the mayor of the city of Quincy that the Board of Managers of the Adams Temple and School Trust Fund be authorized to dispose of certain property.

Severally to the committee on Education.

State primary
elections, —
hours.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of William A. Bartlett for uniformity in the hours of opening and closing the polls at state primary elections.

State and
county officers,
— nomination
at conventions.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 567) of Francis J. Crowell that candidates for all state and county offices be nominated at political conventions.

Allegations as
to criminal
records, —
publication.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 568) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to preventing the publication of certain facts or allegations relating to individuals.

Sick and
disabled
persons, —
permission
to vote.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 569) of Henry A. Macdonald that persons confined to hospitals or their homes by reason of sickness or physical disability be permitted to vote at elections.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Congress, —
free transpor-
tation for
soldiers and
sailors.

By Mr. Gillen of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 570) of Daniel J. Gillen for the adoption of resolutions in favor of free railroad transportation for all soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States.

Congress, —
drafting of
aliens.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 571) of Frank Mulveny for the adoption of resolutions to Congress in favor of the drafting of aliens.

Severally to the committee on Federal Relations.

Alewives, —
artificial
propagation.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 572) of William G. Snell and another relative to the artificial propagation of alewives.

Westport
river, —
fisheries.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 573) of Isaac U. Wood and others that the closed season for taking fish in Westport river be shortened.

Severally to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mount Tom
State Reser-
vation, —
sale of land.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 574) of Michael N. Slotnick that the county commissioners of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire be authorized to sell a certain tract of land in the Mount Tom State Reservation. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Motor vehicles,
— scope of
insurance.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 575) of Horace E. Dunkle that the scope of insurance against damage to motor vehicles be increased.

Life insurance
and invest-
ment, —
separation.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 576) of Fred S. Elwell relative to the separation of life and investment insurance.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

Fruits, vege-
tables and
crops, — theft.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 577) of Peter I. Adams relative to the punishment of persons convicted of the theft of fruits, vegetables and crops.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of Frank W. Grinnell relative to conveyances and transfers by a person to himself and others.

Conveyances and transfers.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 579) of Frank W. Grinnell that actions for deceit be included under the provisions of the law relating to the survival of actions.

Survival of actions, — deceit.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of James J. Phelan and others relative to bucketing and wagering contracts.

Bucketing and wagering contracts.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 581) of Waldron H. Rand, Jr., relative to the use as evidence of copies of records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks.

Banking records, — use as evidence.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., relative to giving notice to owners of real estate in case of injury by snow and ice.

Injuries by snow and ice, — notices.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 583) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., that the time be extended within which notices of injuries on account of defects in highways shall be given to municipalities.

Injuries on highways, — notices.

By Mr. Gillen of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 584) of Daniel J. Gillen that provision be made for the speedier trial of personal injury cases in the county of Suffolk.

Suffolk county, — speedier trials.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 585) of Fred P. Greenwood relative to the removal of unjust and burdensome restrictions upon land.

Restrictions upon land, — removal.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Clarence F. Eldredge relative to endorsements of processes before the entry thereof.

Entry of processes, — endorsements.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 587) of John C. Carey and others relative to liens for labor and materials.

Liens for labor and materials.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 588) of Lawrence F. Quigley that workmen's compensation begin with the first day after an accident in case incapacity extends more than one week.

Injured employees, — compensation.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 589) of Richard W. Hale relative to the reinstatement of attorneys removed from the bar.

Removed attorneys, — reinstatement.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 590) of Richard W. Hale that provision be made for the speedy trial of causes in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Boston municipal court, — speedier trials.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bunting of Methuen, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 593) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in normality of business hearings. To the committee on Labor.

Normality of business, — hearings.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 591) of the Dorchester No-License League relative

Boston licensing board, — public hearings.

to providing for public hearings upon the granting of licenses in the city of Boston.

Boston
licensing board,
— public
records.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 592) of the Dorchester No-License League that the records of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston be open to the public.

The Norwood
Morris Plan
Company.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 594) of James M. Folan that The Norwood Morris Plan Company be reimbursed for money paid by said company for a license for carrying on the business of making small loans.

Witnesses
to wills, —
competency.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 595) of Frank W. Grinnell relative to the competency of witnesses to wills.

Victuallers'
licenses, —
citizens only.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 596) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that only persons who are citizens be granted victuallers' licenses.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Articles of
gold, —
marking.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 597) of George Sears relative to the marking and description of gold articles offered for sale. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Reading, —
north metro-
politan sewer.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 598) of Edgar O. Dewey and another for the completion of the extension of the north metropolitan sewer to the town of Reading.

Flats in Hull,
— improve-
ment.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 599) of John L. Donovan relative to an investigation by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of certain flats in the town of Hull.

Boston, —
recall of
mayor.

By Mr. Driscoll of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 600) of James A. Watson that the number of votes necessary to recall the mayor of the city of Boston be changed.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state aid.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 601) of William A. Bartlett that all citizens of Massachusetts who have enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States shall be eligible to receive state aid.

Indigent
soldiers and
dependents,
— burial.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) of M. A. Flanagan relative to the burial of indigent soldiers, their wives, widows or dependent mothers.

West Bridge-
water, —
expense of
State Guard.

By Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 603) of Eddy P. Dunbar that the town of West Bridgewater be reimbursed for money paid for the State Guard.

Ipswich, —
expense of
State Guard.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 604) of Frank W. Kyes and another relative to reimbursing the town of Ipswich for money expended to purchase uniforms and equipment for certain members of the State Guard.

Naval
militia.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 605) of the Adjutant-General for an amendment of the law relative to the naval militia.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 606) of Harold Williams, Jr., that Nellie Brightman be reimbursed for money expended in the publication of the history of the Fifth Massachusetts Battery of Light Artillery.

Nellie
Brightman.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 607) of the selectmen of the town of Whitman that said town be authorized to refund certain indebtedness.

Whitman, —
indebtedness.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 608) of E. B. Bishop relative to the approval of pay rolls, bills and accounts of persons in the service of any city other than Boston.

Cities, —
approval of
pay rolls,
bills and
accounts.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

By Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of George P. Borlen relative to the sale of sausage meat.

Sausage meat,
— sale.

By Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 610) of Allan L. Shirley and others relative to preventing the pollution of the Taunton river and its tributaries.

Taunton river,
— pollution.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of James F. Kiernan relative to permitting boating, fishing, skating and ice-cutting on Assawompsett, Long and Pocksha ponds in the towns of Lakeville, Middleborough, Freetown and Rochester.

Assawompsett,
Long and
Pocksha ponds,
— boating,
etc.

By Mr. Merriam of Framingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of the Community Health and Tuberculosis Demonstration of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis relative to the control of wilfully careless or incorrigible persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Incorrigible
tuberculous
patients.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 613) of David J. O'Connell that diseases dangerous to the public health be reported to the State Department of Health by local boards of health and that claims of cities and towns for certain expenses incurred by boards of health be paid by the Commonwealth.

Boards of
health, —
reports and
expenses.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 614) of Jerome S. Smith that depositing refuse or decaying matter on the seashore be prohibited.

Seashore, —
protection
from refuse.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 615) of Peter I. Adams relative to the support and burial of indigent persons.

Indigent
persons, —
support and
burial.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 616) of John T. Shea that the conveying of drugs and other articles by and to inmates of public institutions be prohibited.

Inmates of
institutions,
— drugs, etc.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 617) of the Mount Hope Citizens Association for an

Connecticut
river, —
water power.

investigation by the Commission on Waterways and Public Land into the feasibility of developing the water power of the Connecticut river. To the committee on Public Lighting.

Executive department,
— salaries.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 618) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., and others for a standardization of the salaries in the Executive department.

Sergeant-at-Arms' employees, — salaries.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 619) of Alvin E. Bliss that employees of the Commonwealth appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the General Court be included in the proposed standardization of salaries and compensations.

General Court,
— mileage for doorkeepers.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 620) of Joseph McGrath relative to compensation for travel for the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court.

Legislative employees, — compensation.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the compensation of certain legislative employees.

Massachusetts Reformatory — parole clerk.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 622) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk in the department of the Bureau of Prisons.

State employees, — increased compensation.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Frank S. Walker and another relative to employees of the Commonwealth who are entitled to receive temporary increase in compensation.

Civil service, — veterans' preference.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) of John W. Craig relative to preference for veterans in the civil service of the Commonwealth, cities and towns.

Id.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of David J. Maloney that veterans of the Spanish American war be exempted from certain provisions of the civil service rules and regulations.

Clerks of courts, — salaries.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 626) of Lloyd Makepeace that the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts be established.

Municipal employees, — civil service.

By Mr. Manning of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions for an extension of the civil service laws and regulations to certain municipal employees.

Norfolk county register of probate, — assistance.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 628) of J. Raphael McCool relative to clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk.

Norfolk county, — salary of second assistant clerk of courts.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of Louis A. Cook, Jr., and others that the salary of the second assistant clerk of courts for the county of Norfolk be established.

Middlesex county, — salary of probate court messenger.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 630) of Arthur E. Beane that the salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex be increased.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 631) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston.

Railroads in the metropolitan district, — electrification.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 632) of Thomas P. Riley relative to the authority of the Public Service Commission in respect to switch connections and interchange tracks of railroad corporations and street railway companies.

Switch connections and interchange tracks.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 633) of Peter I. Adams and another that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to continue the construction and improvement of a road in the town of New Marlborough.

New Marlborough, — highway improvement.

By Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of David L. Kelley that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to complete the state highway in the town of Acushnet.

Acushnet, — state highway.

By Mr. Wood of Hopkinton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 635) of Wilbur A. Wood that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve Fountain street in the town of Ashland.

Ashland, — highway improvement.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 636) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the improvement of highways by the construction by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of short stretches of highway at special points.

State highways, — short stretches at special points.

By Mr. Harriman of Stow, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 637) of Rowland P. Harriman relative to the registration of motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles, — registration.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 638) of George A. Whitney that the age at which licenses for the operation of motor vehicles may be issued be reduced.

Motor vehicles, — age of operators.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of Fred E. Ellis relative to the destruction of highways and bridges by heavy vehicles.

Highways and bridges, — heavy vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of the International Jewelry Workers Union that the public policy of the Commonwealth in regard to wage workers be declared, that minimum hours of labor in certain industries be fixed and that overtime work and the payment therefor be regulated.

Wage workers, — state policy.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 640) of Wilfred Bolster and others relative to an extension of medical service for the criminal business of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Boston municipal court, — medical service.

By Mr. Southworth of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 641) of Gilbert G. Southworth relative to the pardon of certain female prisoners.

Female prisoners, — pardon.

Insurance
against sick-
ness, etc.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Michael M. Davis, Jr., and others that provision be made for insurance against sickness among wage earners, including cash benefits, medical care and other means for the relief and prevention of sickness.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Street railway
tariffs, —
notice of
change.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 643) of Elmer L. Briggs that the Public Service Commission be required to send notice of proposed changes of street railway tariffs to certain cities and towns.

Street
railway
companies, —
shelters.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of David J. Maloney that street railway companies provide shelters or stations at terminals and transfer points.

Street railway
companies, —
repair of
roads and
bridges.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 645) of Fred H. Smith relative to the repair of roads and bridges by street railway companies.

Street railway
companies, —
use of motor
vehicles.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 646) of Fred H. Smith that street railway companies be authorized to use motor vehicles to supplement their service and for supervision by the Public Service Commission of common carriers by motor vehicles.

Street railway
companies, —
common
carriers.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Robert S. Goff relative to permitting street railway companies to become common carriers of newspapers, express matter, baggage and freight.

Street railway
companies, —
taxation, etc.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 648) of Robert S. Goff that the excise or commutation tax upon street railway companies be repealed, that the relations between such corporations and highways be defined and that expenditures in connection with placing wires under ground be regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

Incomes, —
taxation.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 649) of Frederick T. Fuller relative to the exemption of certain incomes from taxation and for the imposition of a moderate tax upon incomes derived from certain other sources.

Assessors, —
compensation.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 650) of William A. Bartlett relative to the compensation of assessors.

Funds of labor
organizations,
— taxation.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to exempting the funds of labor organizations from the provisions of the income tax law.

State land
used for
business pur-
poses, —
taxation.

By Mr. McIntosh of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 652) of the mayor of the city of Quincy that land of the Commonwealth leased for business purposes may be taxed and assessed to the lessees.

Income taxes,
— repayments.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 653) of Lincoln Bryant relative to the recovery and repay-

ment of certain sums collected under the act to impose a tax upon incomes.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 654) of Robert S. Goff relative to the corporate franchise tax of street railway companies. Street railway companies, — franchise tax.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 655) of Eddy P. Dunbar that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to collect sewer taxes. Bridgewater, — sewer taxes.

By Mr. Prescott of Grafton, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 656) of Francis Prescott for an investigation by the commissioners for consolidating and arranging the general laws into the advisability of revising and codifying the laws relating to towns. Town laws, — revision.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 657) of Franklin E. Smith and another that the operation of motor vehicles in the town of Nantucket be allowed. Nantucket — motor vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658) of George E. Pillsbury and others that the city of Lynn be authorized to furnish water to the town of Lynnfield and that said town be authorized to establish and maintain a public water supply. To the committee on Water Supply. Lynnfield, — water supply from Lynn.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Elmer L. Briggs that the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission be authorized to acquire land and make improvements in the town of Plymouth. Plymouth, — Pilgrim tercentenary.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 660) of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for a state appropriation towards the maintenance expenses of said institution. To the committee on Ways and Means. Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 661) of the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company for an extension of the time for the filing of its bond and the completion of its railroad and tunnel, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was referred to the committee on Street Railways. Sent up for concurrence. Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company.

Mr. Bessette of New Bedford presented a petition of Albert Crossley and others relative to providing a uniform rate for street railway transportation within the city of New Bedford. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. New Bedford, — uniform street railway fares.

Union Freight
Railway in
Boston. —
electrification.

Mr. Scigliano of Boston presented a petition of Edward A. Scigliano for the electrification of the Union Freight Railway in the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company, —
taxes and
expenses.

Mr. Wood of Fall River presented a petition of Robert S. Goff that the Bay State Street Railway Company be relieved from the payment of certain taxes and expenses. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Message from
Governor, —
list of pardons.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a list of pardons granted during the year 1917 (Senate, No. 41), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Institutions.

Boards and
commissions,
— consoli-
dation.

So much of the report of the joint special recess committee (of 1916) on workmen's compensation insurance rates and accident prevention (Senate, No. 370 of 1917) as relates to the consolidation of boards and commissions, taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Workmen's
compensation
insurance
rates, —
approval.

So much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (see House, No. 117 of 1917) as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates, taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence (accompanied by bill, see House, No. 48), to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission.

A Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 498 of 1917), taken from the files of last year, referred by the Senate to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston, to the committee on Administration and Commissions. Sent up for concurrence.

Dorchester
Trust Com-
pany, — real
estate.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —
Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 58) of Herbert A. Rhoades that the Dorchester Trust Company be authorized to hold real estate. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sale of intoxi-
cating liquors,
— woman
suffrage.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 61) of Edwin T. McKnight and others that women be permitted to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. To the committee on Election Laws.

Bay State
Life Insurance
Company, —
stock and
surplus.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 64) of James G. Ferguson that the time limit be extended within which the capital stock and surplus of the Bay State Life Insurance Company shall be paid in. To the committee on Insurance.

Pilotage.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 63) of Frederick C. Bailey and others relative to pilotage. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 59) of Alpheus Sanford relative to petitions for recounts after primaries in the city of Boston; and

Boston, —
petitions for
recounts after
primaries.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 60) of Alpheus Sanford relative to nomination papers in the city of Boston;

Boston, —
nomination
papers.

Severally referred by the Senate to the committee on Election Laws, were referred, in non-concurrence, on motions of Mr. Brown of Woburn, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

At fourteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Burrell of Medford, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, January 15, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, January 15, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— investigation
of the
use of peat.

I recommend that you make an investigation of the uses of peat, the nearby deposits, the methods of its utilization in producing heat and power, and in other ways, with a view to enacting such legislation relating to it as your investigation may show to be for the public interest. Peat has long been used as fuel in different countries, and I am informed that at the present time it is utilized in Germany in the production of power and heat, munitions of war, and even in clothing, through the use of its fibre. I am advised that large deposits of it exist in New England and that even under existing methods of preparation, much of it may be made available for power and heat before the coming of another winter. Its large content of ammonia would tend to relieve the scarcity of that article, much needed now in the making of munitions, and invaluable at all times for uses in agriculture. It needs no argument to prove the importance of the study I propose. We are largely dependent upon coal for heating our houses, and for keeping our industries in motion. In times of stress, our industries, and indeed our lives, are put in peril by the interruption of the production and transportation of coal, which must be brought to us over a great distance, or by the abnormal demand for it. If we have on hand in great quantities a substance which may make us less dependent upon coal, it is our obvious duty to take steps for its development. I believe the subject to be well worthy of immediate investigation by you either through a regular or special committee, or in some other way, and that a moderate appropriation should be granted to make the investigation effective.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL

The message was read; and, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, it was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. (House, No. 666). Sent up for concurrence.

Recommendation for Legislation.

A supplementary recommendation of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives, that provision be made for the installation of five new wells and a suction pipe at the North Reading State Sanatorium (House, No. 667), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth on January 11, was referred to the committee on Public Institutions. Sent up for concurrence.

North Reading
State Sanatorium, —
additional
wells.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll consider the expediency of modifying the schedule of mileage for the travelling expenses of members of the House of Representatives, as established by an order adopted on June 1, 1892, so as to correct such errors as may exist in the distances from Boston to the various cities and towns, as established by said order.

Committee on
Pay-Roll, —
correction
of mileage
schedule.

On motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, —

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the members of the House fifteen hundred additional copies of each of the following-named documents: —

Preliminary report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, with special reference to budget procedure (House, No. 17); and

State finances,
— budget
procedure.

Report of the Council, under an order of the General Court of 1916, relative to the standardization of the salaries and compensations paid to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (House, No. 1175).

State and
county em-
ployees, —
standardisa-
tion of salaries.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Lyman of Easthampton introduced (on leave) a Resolve relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State depart-
ments, —
expenditures.

Petitions.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows: —

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 668) of Frank R. Austin that hog serum and other serums, virus and anti-toxins shall be distributed by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Hog serum,
virus and
anti-toxins, —
distribution.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 669) of Walter Haynes that owners of undiseased

Ribes and
pines, —
compensation for
destruction.

ribes or five-leaved pines be reimbursed for the destruction of the same by agents of the State Nursery Inspector.

Current and
gooseberry
bushes, —
compensation
for destruction.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 670) of William G. Lord that the State Board of Agriculture be authorized to compensate owners of currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed by state authorities.

Towns, —
tree wardens.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 671) of William L. Johnson for the appointment of tree wardens in towns.

Weweantit
river in
Carver, —
improvement.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Frank E. Barrows relative to the improvement of the Weweantit river in the town of Carver.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College, —
women
students.

By Mr. Wilson of South Hadley, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 673) of Alvin R. Wilson and another for the development of the work of women students at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. To the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly.

Co-operative
banks,
shares and
loans.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 674) of William G. Lord that the ownership of shares in co-operative banks and the amounts which may be borrowed by shareholders be further regulated. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Brockton city
engineer, —
term of office.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 675) of Ralph P. Jackson and others that the term of office of the city engineer of the city of Brockton be three years.

Brockton collector of taxes,
— term of
office.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 676) of the mayor of the city of Brockton that the term of office of the collector of taxes of said city be three years.

Woburn, —
inauguration
of city govern-
ment.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 677) of the mayor of the city of Woburn that the time of the inauguration of the city government of said city be changed.

Woburn, —
boards of
health and
overseers of
the poor.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of the mayor of the city of Woburn that the board of health and the board of overseers of the poor of said city be consolidated and that the powers of the agent of said board be enlarged.

New Bedford,
— David A.
Cobb.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 679) of the committee on fire department of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to pension David A. Cobb.

Boston, —
widow of
Florence J.
Donoghue.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 680) of Daniel J. Kiley that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Florence J. Donoghue.

Boston police
department, —
days off.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 681) of Charles A. Winchester that members of the police department of the city of Boston be granted one day off in every eight days.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 682) of Lawrence F. Quigley for a referendum on the question of the popular election of the members of the board of excise for the city of Chelsea. Chelsea board of excise, — popular election.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to granting members of the fire department of the city of Chelsea certain time off duty. Chelsea fire department, — days off.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of Lawrence F. Quigley that members of the police force of certain cities be granted certain time off duty. Police departments, — days off.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 685) of John J. Coady for the establishment of a law library at the courthouse of the county of Bristol in the city of Attleboro. Bristol county, — law library at Attleboro.

By Mr. Morse of Danvers, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of Moody Kimball and others relative to the borrowing of money by counties for the maintenance of hospitals for tuberculous patients. Counties, — maintenance of hospitals.

Severally to the committee on Counties.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 687) of William H. McDonnell that an appropriation be made for the training of crippled and injured persons. Crippled and injured persons, — training.
To the committee on Education.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 688) of Roland D. Sawyer that provision be made for voting by qualified voters who are absent from their homes. Absentees voting.
To the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Johnson of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 689) of Rufus B. Dodge and others that the open season for the hunting of ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits be changed. To the committee on Fisheries and Game. Ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of Frederick Butler and others relative to the improvement of the Merrimack river from the sea to Hunt's Falls in the city of Lowell. Merrimack river, — improvement.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 691) of Frank C. Smith, Jr., that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission be authorized to acquire additional land. Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, — additional land.

Severally to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

By Mr. Finkel of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 692) of Leon R. Eyges relative to the licensing and regulation of foreign fraternal benefit associations. Foreign fraternal benefit associations.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 693) of John B. Mikalauskas that the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America be authorized to engage in the business of sickness, disability and life insurance. Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America.

Savings banks,
— life insurance policies.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 694) of Warren A. Reed and others relative to the issuance of life insurance policies by savings banks.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

Contributory negligence, — proof.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to proof of contributory negligence in certain cases.

Attorneys, — removal.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 696) of Peter J. Casey for the repeal of the statute relating to the removal from office of attorneys-at-law.

Entry of judgments, — notice.

By Mr. Bray of Buckland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 697) of Homer Sherman and others relative to giving notice of entry of judgment in police, district and municipal courts.

Supreme Judicial Court, — sittings.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 698) of the Massachusetts Bar Association relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Suffolk county Superior Court, — approval of acts of chief deputy sheriff.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 699) of Robert M. Bowen that certain acts of the chief deputy sheriff for attendance upon the Superior Court of the county of Suffolk shall be approved by the court.

Legal procedure, — codes.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of James A. Keown and others relative to the establishment of codes of civil and penal procedure.

Courts, — motion and calendar day.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 701) of James A. Keown and others relative to establishing a motion and calendar day in all the courts of the Commonwealth.

Trial justices, — interchange services.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 702) of Nesbit G. Gleason that trial justices be authorized to interchange services in certain cases.

Sports and contests, — gambling.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of Martin Hays that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be prohibited further.

Personal injuries, — notice.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 704) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the giving of notice to cities and towns in cases of personal injury.

Legal business, — solicitation.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the soliciting of legal business by persons who are not attorneys-at-law.

Mortgages, — foreclosure.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Jacob Wasserman that the foreclosure of mortgages during the present war be regulated.

Mortgages, — rates of interest.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 707) of Jacob Wasserman that the present rates of interest on all mortgages shall not be increased during the war.

Chattel mortgages, — form and execution.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 708) of Jacob Wasserman relative to the form and execution of chattel mortgages.

Merchandise and fixtures in bulk, — sale.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 709) of Jacob Wasserman that sales of merchandise or fixtures in bulk in fraud of creditors be prohibited.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 710) of Jacob Wasserman that the fraudulent drawing of checks and drafts be prohibited. Checks and drafts, — fraud.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 711) of Jacob Wasserman that the making or publishing of false or exaggerated statements concerning the affairs of corporations and other associations or individuals be further prohibited. Statements concerning corporations and others, — fraud.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 712) of Charles L. Underhill for the prevention of interference with the operation of industries connected with the war. To the committee on Labor. Industries, — operation during the war.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 713) of Henry J. Maguire and others that the compensation and mileage of jurors be increased. Jurors, — compensation and mileage.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Elmer L. Briggs that depositing rubbish or waste in highways or on the land of another be prohibited. Public ways, — rubbish and waste.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 715) of Barnet Lerner that only legal residents of cities and towns shall be licensed as junk dealers. Junk dealers, — residents only.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Barnet Lerner relative to the suspension of the licenses of junk dealers. Junk dealers' licenses, — suspension.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of William J. Stanton and another that certain associations and non-incorporated trusts be included under the provisions of the small loans act. Associations and trusts, — small loans.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 718) of Jacob Wasserman that the amount of rents charged at the present time shall not be increased during the present war. Rents, — no increase during the war.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 719) of Harry Hamilton and another that the Boston Chamber of Commerce be authorized to establish a trust fund. Boston Chamber of Commerce, — trust fund.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of the mayor of the city of Woburn that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston be required to remove poles and lay underground cables in a certain section of said city. Woburn, — underground cables.

Mr. Corrigan of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 721) of M. Birmingham and others relative to appeals from the decisions of wire inspectors. Decisions of wire inspectors, — appeals.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of M. Birmingham and others that towns be required to appoint inspectors of wires. Towns, — inspectors of wires.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 723) of the Essex County Associated Boards of Trade for the regulation of motor vehicles operated as common carriers and Motor vehicles as common carriers, — supervision.

for the licensing and supervision of such motor vehicles by the Public Service Commission.

Safety matches. By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 724) of the Fire Chiefs Club of Massachusetts and others relative to providing for the use of safety matches.

Loaded shells and ammunition, — sale. By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 725) of James F. Kiernan relative to the sale of loaded shells and ammunition used in shot guns.

Firewood in bulk, — sale. By Mr. Lord of Athol, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 726) of William G. Lord that the sale of firewood in bulk be regulated.

War relief funds, — publicity. By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 727) of John F. Duffy and others relative to publicity in connection with soliciting funds for war relief.

Malt liquors, cider and light wines, — referendum. By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of Charles F. Rowley that provision be made for an annual referendum on granting licenses for the sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines.

Theatre tickets, — sale. By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 729) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation regulating the sale of tickets of admission to theatres and other places of amusement.

Ice companies and others, — coupons. By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 730) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation to provide for the issuing of coupons by ice companies and others.

Certain telephones, — registers. By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Charles A. Winchester that telephone companies be required to equip certain telephones with registers.

Keeping of explosives, etc., — licenses. By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 732) of Charles A. Winchester relative to the renewal of licenses for the keeping and storing of explosives and inflammable fluids.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston, — term of office of mayor. By Mr. Atwood of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 733) of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston.

Boston, — assessing department. By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the assessing department of the city of Boston.

Boston tax collectors, — political faith. By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 735) of Harrison H. Atwood that not more than a majority of the assistant or deputy tax collectors of the city of Boston shall be of the same political party.

Mystic lake in Arlington, — protection. By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 736) of Willis P. Howard and others for an investigation by the Metropolitan Park Commission on the subject of protecting the banks of lower Mystic lake in the town of Arlington.

Boston, subways and stations, — guard rails. By Mr. Driscoll of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737) of Timothy J. Driscoll relative to the construction and maintenance of guard rails in subways and at elevated stations in the city of Boston.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 738) of William A. Kneeland that the pollution of the waters and water supply of the Mystic lakes in the city of Medford and towns of Arlington and Winchester be prohibited.

Mystic lakes,
— protection.

By Mr. Marsh of Hingham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of John Smith and others that the town of Hull be authorized to tax property held in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission from which revenue is received.

Hull, —
taxation of
metropolitan
property.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 740) of Daniel J. Kiley relative to the consolidation or annexation of certain cities and towns into a greater Boston.

Greater Boston.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 741) of William F. French that sundry persons be compensated for the loss of horses hired by the National Guard in 1916.

Horses used
by the Na-
tional Guard,
— compensa-
tion of owners.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 742) of William F. French that the Adjutant-General be authorized to pay certain charges for transportation of the militia.

Militia, —
transportation
charges.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 743) of Edward F. Harrington that the time be extended within which soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States may receive state aid.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state aid.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 744) of Edward F. Harrington that men drafted into the military or naval service of the United States be eligible to receive state aid.

Id.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 745) of Charles A. Winchester relative to compensation and other benefits for soldiers and sailors drafted into the service of the United States.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Charles A. Winchester for the establishment of an armory and a battalion of infantry in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston.

Dorchester
district of
Boston, —
armory.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 747) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money in the construction of a municipal hospital.

New Bedford,
— municipal
hospital.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 748) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money for the construction of schoolhouses.

New Bedford,
— school-
houses.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 749) of the water commissioners of the town of Mansfield that the Mansfield Water Supply District be authorized to extend its mains and increase its water supply.

Mansfield
Water Supply
District, —
indebtedness.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Alewife brook,
—public health.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 750) of Jay R. Benton and others for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

Dispensaries, —
licenses.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 751) of J. Weston Allen that dispensaries be required to be licensed by the State Department of Health.

Vaccination, —
certificates of
exemption.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 752) of George W. Gay for an amendment of the law relative to certificates of exemption from vaccination.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Patients in
insane hos-
pitals, — com-
munication
with friends.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 753) of Felix Rackemann that patients in insane hospitals be authorized to communicate with their friends.

Belchertown
school for
the feeble-
minded, —
land.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 754) of Roland D. Sawyer for an appropriation for the purchase of additional land in the town of Belchertown for the proposed school for the feeble-minded.

State build-
ings, — im-
proved method
of construc-
tion.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 755) of Charles A. Winchester for the appointment of a special commission to investigate and improve the construction of buildings for the Commonwealth.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 756) of Charles A. Winchester relative to plans and specifications for the construction and repair of buildings at state institutions.

Massachusetts
School for the
Feeble-
Minded, —
trustees.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 757) of Frederick H. Nash relative to the appointment of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Sources of
power, fuel
and heat, —
investigation.

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 758) of Curtis L. Sopher for the appointment of a special commission to investigate and experiment in the development of sources of power, fuel and heat.

Gas plants, —
value and
state acqui-
sition.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of George A. Lancaster for a commission to investigate the value of all gas plants and the advisability and cost to the Commonwealth of acquiring the same.

Gas meters, —
automatic
shut-offs.

By Mr. Englert of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 760) of John P. Englert and others that gas companies be required to provide automatic shut-offs in connection with gas meters.

Severally to the committee on Public Lighting.

Police officers
in the federal
service, —
status.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 761) of James M. Keaney that the status of police officers in the classified civil service who are now serving in the army or navy of the United States be defined.

Brockton fire
department
engineers, —
civil service.

By Mr. Bartlett of Brockton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 762) of Charles A. Eaton and others that the chief engineer and the first and second assistant engineers of the fire

department of the city of Brockton be placed under the civil service laws.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Jacob Bitzer for an adjustment of the salaries of the clerks at the State Prison and the Massachusetts Reformatory. State Prison and Massachusetts Reformatory, — salaries of clerks.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Wilfred Bolster and others relative to the expenses of the probation officer of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Boston municipal court, — expenses of probation officer.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 765) of Thomas L. Wiles that the compensation of the special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston be established. Boston municipal court, — compensation of special justices.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766) of Peter F. Hanley and others that the salaries of the court officers in attendance at the sessions of the municipal court in the city of Boston be established. Boston municipal court, — salaries of court officers.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 767) of John H. Burke and others that the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston be established. Boston municipal court, — salary of messenger.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 768) of Ralph N. Butterworth relative to the appointment of an assistant clerk of the legislative document division. Legislative document division, — assistant clerk.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 769) of W. F. Craig that the salaries of the judges of probate in the county of Essex be established. Essex county, — salaries of judges of probate.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 770) of William F. French that the salary of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions be increased. Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, — salary.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 771) of The Association of Massachusetts Building Inspectors that building commissioners, building inspectors and other like officers be placed under the civil service laws and rules. Building commissioners and inspectors, — civil service.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 772) of the State and County Prison Officers' Society of Massachusetts relative to the salaries of officers of county penal institutions. County penal institutions, — salaries of officers.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 773) of the selectmen of the town of Wareham that the chief of police of said town be placed under the regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Wareham chief of police, — civil service.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Martin R. Lane that the chief of police of the city of Beverly be placed under the civil service laws. Beverly chief of police, — civil service.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Thomas F. Pedrick that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to employ additional watchmen at the State House. State House, — additional watchmen.

By Mr. Nourse of Saugus, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 776) of George L. Nourse and others that the salary of the trial justice of the town of Saugus be increased. Saugus trial justice, — salary.

Suffolk county
register of
probate, —
assistance.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 777) of Arthur W. Dolan for an additional appropriation for clerical services for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk.

Civil Service
Commission,
— duties and
compensation.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 778) of Dennis A. Kennedy that the powers and duties of the Civil Service Commission be enlarged and that the compensation of its members be increased.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Law of
the road.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to the law of the road.

Motor vehicles,
— speed.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of Frank A. Foster that the speed of motor vehicles be limited.

Hubbardston
and Rutland,
— highway
improvement.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 781) of J. Warren Moulton for the further improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Hubbardston and Rutland.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind,
— additional
duties.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 782) of Edwin D. Stickney and others that the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind establish workshops and industrial schools for the blind and that the duties of said commission be enlarged and defined.

Worcester, —
homesteads
for citizens.

By Mr. Malone of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Michael F. Malone that the city of Worcester be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens.

Homestead
Commission, —
homesteads in
Worcester.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 784) of Michael F. Malone relative to providing for the construction by the Homestead Commission of homesteads in the city of Worcester.

Planning
boards, —
additional
powers.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 785) of Flavel Shurtleff that planning boards in cities and towns be given the powers of boards of survey.

Necessaries of
life, — public
supply.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 786) of John L. Donovan that cities and towns be authorized to furnish the necessities of life and to provide shelter for their inhabitants.

Id.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 787) of Frank Mulveny that city and town officials be authorized to obtain and sell to the public necessities of life in time of public exigency, emergency or distress.

Id.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 788) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that the production and distribution of food and other necessities of life be regulated.

Medford, —
supply of
necessaries
of life.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 789) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to supply its inhabitants with the necessities of life.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 790) of the State House Commission for an additional appropriation for the completion of the State House grounds. To the committee on State House and Libraries. State House grounds, — completion.

By Mr. Nason of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 791) of Arthur L. Nason relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth. Street railways, — public ownership.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 792) of Fred H. Smith for a suspension of the law regulating the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies. Street railway employees, — hours of labor.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 794) of Fred H. Smith that cities and towns be authorized to invest in the bonds and guarantee the bonds and dividends of street railway companies. Street railway companies, — support by municipalities.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 793) of Fred H. Smith that street railway companies be relieved from taxation and similar obligations. Street railway companies, — relief from certain obligations.

By Mr. Nason of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 795) of Arthur L. Nason that the poll tax be abolished. Poll taxes, — abolition.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 796) of Arthur L. Nason that poll taxes of soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States be abated. Soldiers and sailors, — abatement of poll taxes.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 797) of William Lawrence and others that personal property held by or in trust for religious organizations be exempted from taxation. Personal property held by religious organizations, — taxation.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 798) of William Lawrence Underwood that stock dividends be exempted from taxation. Stock dividends, — taxation.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799) of Albert P. Worthen and another relative to the distribution among cities and towns of the proceeds of the income tax. Income tax proceeds, — distribution.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Jacob Wasserman for the suspension, during the war, of the sale of real estate by cities and towns for non-payment of taxes. Non-payment of taxes, — sale of real estate.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 801) of Frederick E. Tupper relative to the taxation by the city of Quincy of certain land in said city owned by the Commonwealth. Quincy, — taxation of state land.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Clifford H. Walker for an extension of the time for the operation of the law relative to the taxation of business corporations. Business corporations, — taxation.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 803) of Clifford H. Walker for an amendment of the law relative to the taxation of corporations.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Great Barrington, — land for school purposes.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 804) of Charles Giddings and others that the town of Great Barrington be authorized to take additional land for school purposes. To the committee on Towns.

Soldiers and sailors, — state insurance,

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of Cornelius Boothman that the Commonwealth purchase certain insurance policies for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States government. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston, — tunnel in the Dorchester district.

Mr. Winchester of Boston presented a petition of Charles A. Winchester that the Boston Transit Commission be authorized to construct a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's Corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor (Senate, No. 164) was read; and it was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Rules: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, January 15, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from the Governor, — death of Major Augustus P. Gardner.

You have already been informed through the newspapers of the great loss sustained by the country and the Commonwealth in the death of Major Augustus P. Gardner. His life was closely identified with Massachusetts. It was here that he was born. He served her honorably in her Senate. For fifteen years he served with distinction as one of her representatives in the National House of Representatives, where he met with the acclaim of his comrades and where he was always a vigilant supporter of her interests, which to his patriotic vision were always identical with the interests of the country. He was a member of the state militia and at the outbreak of the Spanish War he entered the national service. After the declaration of the existence of a state of war between this country and the German Empire he again entered the service of the country under circumstances which did him especial honor; and yesterday he yielded up his life as much for his country as if he had fallen upon the field of battle.

We have been informed that his funeral is to be held in Washington and that he is not to be brought to Massachusetts. In view of all the circumstances of his career it seems to me fitting that the Commonwealth should be represented at his funeral, and I therefore recommend that you take such action as seems to you suitable.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

Subsequently, Resolutions on the death of Augustus Peabody Gardner (Senate, No. 165), adopted by the Senate, were read as follows: —

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts learns with profound sorrow of the untimely death of Augustus Peabody Gardner, whose high-minded and conscientious service in the state Senate for the years 1900 and 1901, and likewise in the state militia, was the prelude to his distinguished and patriotic career in the Congress and in the military forces of the United States.

Death of
Augustus
Peabody
Gardner.

Resolved, That it is a source of pride to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts that one of her loyal sons should have so bravely led in the great movement for national preparedness, and that, in leaving the forum for the camp, he was but living true to the best traditions of the nation and of the state whose honor and welfare were more precious to him than life or fortune.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with the sympathy of the state, to his widow and family, and that it is the sense of the General Court that His Excellency the Governor designate representatives of the Commonwealth to attend the funeral.

The resolutions were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac; and after remarks by Speaker Channing H. Cox (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), they were unanimously adopted, in concurrence, by a rising vote.

The following orders, approved by the joint committee on Rules, were severally adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the town of Amherst, on or before February 1.

Committee on
Agriculture, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the cities of Boston, Fall River, Lowell, New Bedford and Northampton, and the town of Amherst, on or before March 1.

Committee on
Education,
— travel.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 74) of the selectmen of the town of Stoneham that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct a parkway from said town through Quannapowitt parkway in the town of Wakefield, taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Stoneham and
Wakefield, —
parkway
connection.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 77) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that forest plantations be established for demonstration purposes. To the committee on Agriculture.

Forest
plantations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 78) of Daniel J. Buckley and others that the city of Holyoke be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Michael Kelleher.

Holyoke, —
widow of
Michael
Kelleher.

Taunton, —
salary of mayor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 79) of John B. Tracy, city solicitor, that the salary of the mayor of the city of Taunton be established.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

County treasurers, — term of office.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 80) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, relative to the term of office of county treasurers. To the committee on Counties.

Employment of labor, — national law.

Petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 62) of John Halliwell for the passage of resolutions favoring a national law regulating the employment of labor. To the committee on Federal Relations.

Judicature commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 65) of Charles E. Burbank and another that a judicature commission be appointed.

Bristol county, — Supreme Judicial and Superior courts.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 66) of Joseph T. Kenney and another relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts for the county of Bristol.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Executors and others, — mortgages in co-operative bank form.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of David I. Walsh and others that executors, administrators and guardians may be authorized to give mortgages in the customary co-operative bank form.

Berthold A. Oppenheimer.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 81) of George D. Chamberlain that the acts of Berthold A. Oppenheimer of Springfield as a notary public be confirmed.

Bristol county, — probate court sittings.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 82) of John Halliwell that the sittings of the probate court in the county of Bristol be regulated.

Second-hand motor vehicles, — sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 83) of Mark E. Couch that the sale of second-hand motor vehicles be regulated.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Commercial fertilizers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 68) of George B. Churchill for the further regulation of sales of commercial fertilizers.

Weighers and surveyors.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 84) of James A. Healey relative to the appointment of weighers and surveyors.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Metropolitan transportation commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 72) of Charles S. Lawler for legislation to establish a metropolitan transportation commission.

Boston, — term of office of mayor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 73) of Charles S. Lawler relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Salem and Beverly, — indebtedness for Essex bridge.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 69) of Henry P. Benson, mayor of the city of Salem, and others that the cities of Salem and Beverly be authorized to borrow money in connection with the Essex bridge over the Danvers river. To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 70) of Charles S. Burgess and others that certificates of exemption from vaccination of children in the public schools be made uniform and their use limited to practical causes. Vaccination, — certificates of exemption.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 71) of W. H. B. Remington relative to midwives. Midwives.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 85) of Emily C. MacKinnon for compensation for injuries received from an insane person, a patient at the Grafton State Hospital. To the committee on Public Institutions. Emily C. MacKinnon.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 86) of Edwin T. McKnight that the salary of the Tax Commissioner and Commissioner of Corporations be established. To the committee on Public Service. Tax Commissioner and Commissioner of Corporations, — salary.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 90) of Charles L. Gifford for an extension of time within which the special commission on agricultural education and development is required to report. To the joint committee on Rules. Special commission on agricultural education, — report.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 87) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that cities and towns be permitted to provide homes for citizens. To the committee on Social Welfare. Municipalities, — homes for citizens.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 88) of Edwin T. McKnight that stock dividends shall not be treated as income for purposes of taxation. To the committee on Taxation. Stock dividends, — taxation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 89) of Leonard F. Hardy and others that certain persons be relieved of paying the Blandford Fire District taxes. To the committee on Towns. Blandford Fire District, — taxes.

At four minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Document ordered Reprinted.

Dogs, —
protection of
domestic ani-
mals and
game.

On motion of Mr. Haynes of Scituate the report of the special commission (the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, the chairman of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, an assistant Attorney-General and a fourth person appointed by the Governor), under chapter 102 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the advisability of amending or supplementing the laws relating to dogs and to the protection from dogs of sheep and other domestic animals and of game (House, No. 25), was ordered reprinted.

Special Report.

Charles River
Basin, — dam-
ages to wharves
and walls on
Broad and
Lechmere
canals.

A special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission, under chapter 79 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the damage, if any, which resulted to the wharves or walls along Broad and Lechmere canals on the Charles River Basin in the city of Cambridge by reason of the work of the Charles River Basin Commission (House, No. 806), was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows: —

Superintend-
ent of dams
and reservoirs.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 807) of George Ward Cook that the office of superintendent of dams and reservoirs be established.

Minimum
Wage Commis-
sion, —
abolition.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 808) of Frederick Butler that the powers and duties of the Minimum Wage Commission be transferred to the State Board of Labor and Industries.

Id.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Walter C. Baxter for the repeal of the law establishing the Minimum Wage Commission.

Street railway
commission.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of Martin Hays for the appointment of a street railway commission to assume the powers and duties of the Public Service Commission in respect to street railway companies.

Severally to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Food products,
— conservation.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 811) of H. B. Endicott that provision be made for

the production and conservation of food products during the present war emergency.

By Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Warren E. Tarbell for the creation of a state department of agriculture in place of the present State Board of Agriculture. State Board of Agriculture, — reorganization.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 813) of the State Board of Agriculture that said board be authorized to purchase and lease farm machinery. State Board of Agriculture, — farm machinery.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Arthur L. Whittemore and others that the standardization of milk and cream be permitted. Milk and cream, — standardization.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Arthur L. Whittemore and another for the repeal of certain provisions of law relative to the grading and classification of milk. Milk, — grading and classification.

Severally to the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 816) of Frederick Butler that savings banks be authorized to invest in the notes of certain domestic manufacturing corporations. Savings banks, — investments.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to investments by savings banks and savings departments of trust companies in first mortgages of real estate. Id.

Severally to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 818) of the municipal council of the city of Haverhill that said city be authorized to pension Albion M. Perkins. Haverhill, — Albion M. Perkins.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 819) of Edwin A. Sheridan and others for the appointment of a commission to hold and manage the high school stadium and athletic field in the city of Haverhill. Haverhill, — stadium and athletic field.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 820) of George H. Jennings for the establishment of a board of election commissioners for the city of Cambridge and defining their powers and duties. Cambridge, — board of election commissioners.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 821) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge that said city be authorized to pension John F. Murray. Cambridge, — John F. Murray.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 822) of the mayor of the city of Everett that the board of aldermen and common council of said city be authorized to fill vacancies in their membership. Everett, — vacancies in board of aldermen and council.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 823) of the mayor of the city of Everett that said city be authorized to pension Lindley R. Woods. Everett, — Lindley R. Woods.

Boston fire department, — hours of duty.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Albert Mehlinger that additional authority be granted to the mayor and fire commissioner of the city of Boston with respect to fixing the hours of duty of members of the fire department.

Boston, — William E. Staples.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 825) of Frederic A. Crafts and another relative to the payment by the city of Boston of a pension to William E. Staples.

Boston, — surface drain in Brighton.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 826) of Francis B. McKinney that the city of Boston be authorized to maintain a surface drain in Shepherd brook in the Brighton district in said city.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Essex county, — widow of Edward B. George.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Essex S. Abbott that the county of Essex be authorized to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward B. George.

Essex county, — completion of Essex bridge.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 828) of Moody Kimball and others that the county of Essex be authorized to expend an additional sum of money for completing the Essex bridge over the Danvers river between the cities of Salem and Beverly.

Severally to the committee on Counties.

High schools, — teaching of Spanish.

By Mr. Burrell of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 829) of Fred J. Burrell that provision be made for the teaching of Spanish in the public high schools of the Commonwealth.

Bradford Durfee Textile School, — maintenance.

By Mr. Conroy of Fall River, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 830) of Leontine Lincoln and others that provision be made for the maintenance of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

Bradford Durfee Textile School, — state control.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 831) of Leontine Lincoln and others that the Commonwealth be authorized to acquire and maintain The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

Teachers, — age of retirement.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Carl C. Emery relative to the age of retirement of teachers.

Playgrounds, physical education and social welfare.

By Mr. Fleming of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 833) of Frank W. Kaan that the powers of cities and towns in respect to playgrounds, physical education and social welfare be further defined.

State school equalization fund.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of M. A. Arnold for the establishment of a state school equalization fund and providing for the distribution thereof.

Boston school committee, — appropriations.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 835) of the school committee of the city of Boston that any decrease in the amount which, by reason of the income tax or otherwise, said committee is now authorized to appro-

appropriate shall be made good and maintained and additional appropriations be authorized.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Thomas P. Riley and others relative to the education of certain children over the age of fourteen years.

Children over fourteen, — education.

Severally to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 837) of J. C. Brimblecom that preferential voting at city elections in Newton be further regulated.

Newton, — preferential voting.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 838) of Russell A. Wood relative to fixing the position of the names of candidates on the official ballots at state primaries and elections.

Primaries and elections, — position of names on ballots.

By Mr. Bower of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Arthur Bower for an extension of the time within which polls shall be open in certain elections in the city of Lawrence.

Lawrence, — election hours.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of the United Improvement Association of Boston for the furnishing of additional information regarding candidates for elective offices.

Elections, — information as to candidates.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of O. Louis Wolcott and another that nomination papers shall state the party enrollment or affiliation of candidates.

Nomination papers, — party designations.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of Robert T. Kent and another that the open season for rabbits be extended. To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Rabbits, — open season.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of George Ward Cook and another that provision be made for raising money for the improvement of the Merrimack river by the inhabitants of the Merrimack valley.

Merrimack river, — raising of money for improvement.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 844) of William C. Reynolds and others for the construction of a breakwater in the town of Scituate by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands.

Scituate, — breakwater.

Severally to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 845) of Frederick Butler that additional methods be provided for compensating employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment.

Injured employees, — additional methods of compensation.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 846) of George P. Drury that additional methods be provided for compensating employees for injury received in the course of their employment.

Id.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 847) of Thomas F. Pedrick that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to destroy certain old personal property and obsolete papers, books and documents in the State House.

Sergeant-at-Arms, — destruction of obsolete documents.

Deeds, —
source of title.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 848) of Frank M. Forbush and another that a statement of the source of title in deeds be required.

Suits in
equity, —
procedure.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 849) of John C. Hammond and another relative to certain methods of procedure in suits in equity.

Decisions of
the Industrial
Accident
Board, —
appeals.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 850) of John J. Scott that appeals to the Superior Court may be made from the decision of any member of the Industrial Accident Board.

Electric
companies, —
taking of land.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 851) of W. Rodman Peabody relative to the taking of land by eminent domain for transmission lines by electric companies.

Licensed
hunters, —
arrests.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of John T. Conton and another that holders of hunters' licenses be authorized to arrest certain persons.

County
prisoners, —
release.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the release of prisoners from county prisons.

Persons re-
sponsible for
injuries, —
contributions.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Endicott P. Saltonstall that persons who are responsible for personal injuries to others be required to contribute toward the compensation of such injuries.

Boston Juve-
nile Court, —
powers of
clerks.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 855) of Charles W. M. Williams relative to the powers and duties of the clerk and assistant clerks of the Boston Juvenile Court.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Special police,
— appoint-
ment of
women.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 856) of James T. Bagshaw that the appointment of women as special police officers be authorized.

Trusts.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 857) of Frank W. Grinnell for legislation relating to trusts.

Probate
courts, —
appeals.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Frank W. Grinnell for legislation relative to appeals from the probate courts.

Guardians and
conservators, —
appointment.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 859) of J. L. Wiseman that certificates of appointment of guardians and conservators shall be recorded.

Bastardy
cases, — use
of forfeited
bail.

By Mr. Wonson of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 860) of William G. Clark that bail or deposit in lieu of surety forfeited in bastardy cases may be applied to the support of minor children.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Factories and
workshops, —
opaque glass.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 861) of Frederick Butler that the use of opaque glass in the exterior windows of factories and workshops be authorized.

Telephone
companies, —
charges.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 862) of Benjamin G. Collins that telephone charges within certain limits be prescribed.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 863) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures that the sealing of weights and measures be made uniform. Sealing of weights and measures, — uniformity.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 864) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures for an amendment of the law relative to the selling of cord wood. Cord wood, — sale.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 865) of Benjamin H. Hunt, Jr., that candy and confectionery placed in cold storage shall be so marked. Cold storage confectionery, — marking.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 866) of John J. Cummings that the charter of the Millett Sanatorium of Brockton be revived. Millett Sanatorium of Brockton.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 867) of H. C. Wilson relative to the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles that carry passengers for hire. Motor vehicles as common carriers, — license.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 868) of Sanford Bates that the use of asphalt shingles be authorized in certain districts of the city of Boston. Boston, — use of asphalt shingles.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 869) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the use of wooden shingles on certain buildings in the city of Boston be authorized. Boston, — use of wooden shingles.

By Mr. Fleming of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of the mayor of the city of Somerville that provision be made for draining surface water from Medford street in said city. Medford street in Somerville, — drainage by the Commonwealth.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 871) of Francis B. McKinney that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to establish and maintain a public boat landing on the Charles river in the Brighton district of the city of Boston. Brighton district of Boston, — public landing.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 872) of George L. Rogers for an appropriation for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission. Metropolitan parks apportionment commission.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Frederick L. Murray for an amendment of the law relative to the staff of the commander-in-chief of the militia. Commander-in-chief, — staff.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 874) of William J. Foley that cities, towns and counties be authorized to pay to their employees who enter the federal service the difference between their federal compensation and their municipal compensation. Soldiers and sailors, — compensation.

By Mr. McNamee of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 875) of Michael J. McNamee that counties be authorized to pay to their employees who have entered the military or naval service of the United States the difference between their federal and their county compensation. Id.

Mrs. W. L. Putnam, — reimbursement.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 876) of William F. French that Mrs. W. L. Putnam be reimbursed for money expended in obtaining for the Adjutant-General information in connection with state aids and allotments.

Members of the militia, — compensation for injuries.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 877) of William F. French relative to reimbursing certain members of the state militia for injuries received while in the performance of duty.

Military and naval training school.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 878) of William H. McDonnell for the establishment of a military and naval training school by the Commonwealth.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

Cambridge, — income from water works.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 879) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge relative to the use of income from the water works of the city of Cambridge.

Medford, — indebtedness for insurance charges.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 880) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to issue bonds to cover its insurance charges.

Medford, — indebtedness for school purposes.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 881) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for school purposes.

Municipalities, — amount of lawful indebtedness.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 882) of James Morrison that the amount of money which may lawfully be borrowed by cities and towns be increased.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Beverly, — department of health.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of Paul S. Eaton and others that the city of Beverly be authorized to create a department of health.

Rutland, — licensing of private hospitals.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 884) of the board of health of the town of Rutland that said town be authorized to license private hospitals and houses.

Plumbers, — registration fees.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 885) of John J. Mullaney that the fee for the registration of master and journeymen plumbers be increased.

Slaughtering of animals, — licenses and appeals.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 886) of Frederic S. Snyder for a right of appeal to the State Department of Health upon refusal of cities and towns to issue licenses for the slaughtering of animals.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

State institutions, — use of articles made by the blind.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 887) of Edward C. R. Bagley that state institutions be required to purchase certain articles made under the supervision of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Frank McDonald, — compensation for injuries.

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 888) of Charles A. Kelley and others that Frank McDonald be compensated for injuries received while an inmate of the Worcester State Hospital.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 889) of The Massachusetts Prison Association that the removal of prisoners from one county to another shall be paid for by the Commonwealth.

Removal of prisoners, — expense.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 890) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the cost of support of prisoners removed from one county to another.

Id.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 891) of the board of health of the town of Rutland relative to the acquisition of settlement in said town.

Rutland, — settlement of certain persons.

By Mr. Prescott of Grafton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 892) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to the number of beds in hospitals for consumptives in certain cities and towns.

Hospitals for consumptives, — number of beds.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 893) of Francis B. McKinney that the salary of the officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston be established.

Brighton municipal court, — court officer.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 894) of Charles W. M. Williams relative to the salary of the clerk of the Boston Juvenile Court.

Boston Juvenile Court, — salary of clerk.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Frederick L. Murray relative to salaries and assistants in the office of the Adjutant-General.

Adjutant-General, — salaries and assistants.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by resolves, House, No. 896) of William E. Weeks that certain employees of the Commonwealth be paid certain sums which they should have received under the law providing temporary increases of salary for state employees and officials.

Certain state employees, — increased salaries.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 897) of Edward C. R. Bagley relative to the appointment of a parole officer at the Massachusetts Reformatory.

Massachusetts Reformatory, — parole officer.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of William E. Weeks that the engineers, oilers and firemen in the employ of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board be exempted from the provisions of the civil service laws.

Certain employees of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, — civil service.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 899) of George R. Burnes and others that superintendents of streets and street commissioners of cities and towns be placed under the civil service laws.

Superintendents of streets and street commissioners, — civil service.

By Mr. Larocque of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 900) of Andrew Mann that the civil service laws be extended to the office of superintendent of public buildings in the city of Fall River.

Fall River superintendent of public buildings, — civil service.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 901) of Philip A. Nordell for the retirement of veterans of the civil war from the service of the Commonwealth in certain cases.

Civil war veterans, — retirement.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 902) of Benjamin A. Ham that Warren F. Spalding be entitled to the benefits of the law in relation to the retirement of veterans from the service of the Commonwealth.

Warren F. Spalding, — retirement benefits.

Cambridge
armories, —
salary of
superintendent.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, **House** No. 903) of Edward B. Dale that the salary of the superintendent of armories in the city of Cambridge be increased.

Superior
Court, —
salaries of
stenographers.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 904) of William N. Todd and others that the salaries of the official stenographers of the Superior Court be established

State em-
ployees, —
annual
vacations.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 905) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the **American** Federation of Labor that laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by the Commonwealth be granted annual vacations of two weeks.

Janitors of
county
buildings, —
civil service.

By Mr. Reardon of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 906) of Dennis F. Reardon that janitors of county buildings, excepting the Suffolk county courthouse, be placed under the civil service laws.

Veteran state
employees, —
transfer.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 907) of Dennis F. Reardon that removal, suspension or transfer, without hearing, of veteran soldiers and sailors in the employ of the Commonwealth be prohibited.

Public
employees, —
notices of
suspensions.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 908) of Alonzo W. Corey and others that persons temporarily suspended from employment in the classified civil service be given certain notices and hearings.

Board of
Registration
of Nurses, —
membership
and compen-
sation.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 909) of George S. Carr relative to the membership and compensation of the Board of Registration of Nurses.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Auburn, —
state highway.

By Mr. Brunell of Webster, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 910) of Adelard Breault that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to construct a state highway in the town of Auburn.

Motor vehicle
number
plates, —
parcels post.

By Mr. Larocque of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 911) of Ernest A. Larocque that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be required to send by parcels post number plates for motor vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Compulsory
health
insurance, etc.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 642) of J. T. Crowley for the establishment of a system of compulsory health insurance, to provide maternity and other benefits and to create a health insurance commission.

Street railway
companies, —
employment
of women and
minors.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 912) of George H. Jennings that the employment of women and minors between certain hours by street railway companies be prohibited.

Lawrence, —
homesteads for
citizens.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 913) of Michael A. Flanagan and another that the city of Lawrence be authorized to provide homesteads for its citizens.

New Bedford,
— homesteads
for citizens.

By Mr. Walker of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, **House**, No. 914) of George Walker that the city of New Bedford be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 915) of E. Mark Sullivan that certain qualifications be established for membership on wage boards.

Members of wage boards, — qualifications.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 916) of Walter M. Whitehill that the provisions of the minimum wage law be extended to all classes of employees.

All classes of employees, — minimum wage.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 917) of Walter M. Whitehill relative to the powers and jurisdiction of the Minimum Wage Commission.

Minimum Wage Commission, — powers.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 918) of Cyrus J. Ferris relative to the reports of wage boards to the Minimum Wage Commission.

Wage boards, — reports.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 919) of E. Mark Sullivan for the appointment of a commission to study the question of uniformity of state laws with respect to the wages of women and minors employed in various industries.

Wages of women and minors, — uniform state laws.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 920) of Fred H. Smith that further provision be made to prevent the obstruction of street railway cars by other vehicles.

Street railway cars, — obstruction.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 921) of Fred H. Smith that provision be made for charging off the value of property abandoned by street railway companies in discontinuing the use of any portion of their lines.

Street railway companies, — abandoned property.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 922) of Roger W. Conant relative to the furnishing of service at cost by street railway companies.

Street railway companies, — service at cost.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 923) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence relative to the appointment of a commission to assist the Commissioner of Corporations in securing a greater return from the taxation of domestic corporations.

Taxation of corporations, — greater return.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 924) of William A. Bartlett relative to establishing uniformity in the valuation of real estate by assessors.

Valuation of real estate, — uniformity.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 925) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge relative to the distribution of the income tax among departments in cities.

Income tax, — distribution among departments in cities.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 926) of Robert S. Corrigan that appeals may be made from the refusal of assessors to abate taxes.

Abatement of taxes, — appeals.

By Mr. Fleming of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 927) of Charles S. Ellis relative to the duties of collectors of taxes.

Collectors of taxes, — duties.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to advertising the sale for taxes of unimproved land.

Unimproved land, — sale for taxes.

Worcester land
in Shrewsbury,
— taxation.

By Mr. Prescott of Grafton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 929) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to a payment in lieu of taxes on certain land owned by the city of Worcester in the town of Shrewsbury.

Stock sales, —
taxation.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 930) of Robert Walcott and others that the proceeds of sales of rights to subscribe to certain stock shall not be taxable as income.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Freetown, —
water from
New Bedford.

By Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 931) of Abraham Jackson and another that the city of New Bedford be authorized to supply water in a part of the town of Freetown. To the committee on Water Supply.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Charles river,
— new bridge
between Boston
and Cam-
bridge.

Mr. McDonnell of Boston presented a petition of William J. Donahoe that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to build a new bridge over the Charles river between the cities of Boston and Cambridge at Western avenue. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Charles river,
— new bridge
between
Boston and
Watertown.

Mr. McDonnell also presented a petition of William J. Donahoe that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to build a new bridge over the Charles river between the city of Boston and the town of Watertown at Western avenue. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

East Boston,
— marginal
freight rail-
road.

Mr. Moynihan of Boston presented a petition of George P. Bingham and others for the incorporation of a marginal freight railroad company to operate in the East Boston district of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston Ele-
vated Railway
Company, —
six-cent fares.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of William J. McDonald that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be authorized to collect six-cent fares and that one-sixth of said revenue be paid to the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

Rutland, —
reimbursement
for care of
paupers.

On motion of Mr. Moulton of Rutland the petition of J. Warren Moulton relative to reimbursing the town of Rutland for money paid to the town of Berlin for certain state paupers, was taken from the files of last year. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to establish a state system of old-age annuities under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner (Senate, No. 92), taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Social Welfare.

Insurance Commissioner's department, — old-age annuities.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 317) of Robert B. Martin that the price paid for any public service commodities or service be equal for all parts of the city of Boston, which had been referred, by the House, to the committee on Street Railways, and by the Senate, in non-concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary, — the House having insisted on its reference, — came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference.

Boston, — uniform price for public service.

The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 59) of Alpheus Sanford relative to petitions for recounts after primaries in the city of Boston; and

Boston, — petitions for recounts after primaries.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 60) of Alpheus Sanford relative to nomination papers in the city of Boston;

Boston, — nomination papers.

Which had severally been referred by the Senate to the committee on Election Laws, and by the House, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference.

The House receded from its reference, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Burr of Boston; and the petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 119) of Harry I. Harriman, president, that the charter of the Boston Chamber of Commerce be amended, referred by the Senate to the joint committee on the Judiciary, was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Boston Chamber of Commerce, — charter.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 93) of John E. Beck for an investigation by a special commission of the expediency of public ownership and operation of certain transportation companies.

Transportation companies, — public ownership.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 94) of John I. Fitzgerald for legislation relative to the supervision of plumbing.

Plumbing, — board of examiners.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 95) of Julius Garst that the Public Service Commission investigate the feasibility of utilizing for transportation and other purposes the water power of New England.

Water power, — utilisation for transportation purposes.

Severally to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 96) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Herbert W. Alger be reimbursed for the loss

Herbert W. Alger, — loss of a cow.

of a cow, killed by a deputy of the Department of Animal Industry, alleged to be, but not in fact, diseased. To the committee on Agriculture.

Co-operative
banks, — loans
on matured
shares.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 97) of Charles L. Fisher and others relative to loans on matured shares in co-operative banks.

Trust com-
panies, —
capital stock.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 98) of John J. Conway relative to the limitation of the capital stock of trust companies.

Co-operative
banks, — sus-
pension of
monthly
payments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 99) of Frank E. Burbank and others that co-operative banks be allowed to suspend monthly payments of dues on real estate mortgage loans held by the banks for the benefit of borrowers who are serving the country in war work.

Savings banks,
— payments
from branch
offices.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 100) of H. C. Fabyan that savings banks be authorized to make payments from deposits at branch offices.

Severally to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Worcester, —
Daniel T.
Courtney.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 104) of James C. Blake and others that the city of Worcester be authorized to pension Daniel T. Courtney.

Cities, —
authority over
schoolhouses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 105) of Homer P. Lewis that the authority vested in mayors and city councils relative to schoolhouses be transferred to school committees.

Cambridge, —
Ella A.
Lothrop.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 106) of Edward W. Quinn, mayor of the city of Cambridge, that said city be authorized to retire and pension Ella A. Lothrop.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Constitutional
Convention, —
filling of
vacancies.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 107) of George B. Churchill for legislation to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Constitutional Convention. To the committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Boston, —
listing of
voters.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 108) of John I. Fitzgerald for an extension of the time for the listing of voters in the city of Boston.

Candidates for
Senator and
Representative,
— names on
ballot.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 109) of Joseph O. Knox that the position of the names of candidates for Senator and Representative on the primary ballot be determined by lot.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Merrimack
river, —
fishways.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 110) of Arthur W. Colburn that provision be made for the construction and repair of fishways in the Merrimack river. To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Merrimack
river, —
improvement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 111) of James R. Tetler and another for the improvement of the Merrimack river. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Boston and
Cambridge
bridge em-
ployees, —
compensation
for injuries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 112) of Frank J. Donahue that persons employed in the management and maintenance of the bridges between the cities of Boston and Cambridge be included in the provisions of the workmen's compensation act.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 113) of Frank J. Donahue for the enlarging of the class of public employees who may be compensated for injuries received in the course of their employment. Public employees, — compensation for injuries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114) of Frank J. Donahue for an increase in the amount allowed for burial in cases arising under the workmen's compensation act. Industrial accidents, — allowances for burial.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 115) of John E. Beck that property owners, lessees and occupants be protected from vexatious law suits. Property owners, etc., — law suits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 116) of Joseph C. Pelletier that the district attorney for the Suffolk district be authorized to appoint assistants and deputy assistants and that the salaries in the office of said district attorney be established. Suffolk district attorney, — assistants and salaries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 117) of John I. Fitzgerald that boy offenders in the county of Suffolk be committed to the Suffolk School for Boys. Suffolk School for Boys, — commitments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of George H. Jackson that parents and guardians be made criminally responsible for certain injuries to children. Parents, — responsibility for injuries to children.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 120) of Harold L. Perrin that the term of jury waived sittings in the Superior Court for the county of Norfolk be established. Norfolk county, — sessions of the Superior Court.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 121) of George W. Warren and another that licensed saloons be excluded from the vicinity of certain subway and elevated railway exits and entrances. Intoxicating liquors, — sale near subway and elevated stations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 122) of George M. Poland relative to transfers and payments made by administrators and executors. Administrators and executors, — transfers and payments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 123) of George M. Poland relative to the time for claiming appeals from the probate court. Probate court, — appeals.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 124) of Charles N. Harris and another relative to the settlement of the estates of deceased persons. Deceased persons, — settlement of estates.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 125) of George H. Jackson for legislation relative to notices by boards of health to the State Department of Health of cases of dangerous diseases and of the care of certain patients. Dangerous diseases, — notices by boards of health.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 126) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of decayed or unwholesome food. Decayed or unwholesome food, — sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 127) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulations concerning cold storage food products and the sale thereof. Cold storage food products, — sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 128) of the selectmen of the town of Freetown and another relative to hospital care, in the county of Bristol, of non-pulmonary tuberculosis and other diseases, communicable and non-communicable. Bristol county, — hospital care of certain diseases.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Reports of a Committee.

Street Railway
Investigation
Commission, —
extension of
time.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the joint committee on Rules, that the Resolve (introduced on leave) extending the time for the filing of the report of the special commission appointed to study problems relating to street railways (House, No. 325) ought to pass with an amendment striking out, in line 6, the words "first day of February", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-sixth day of January".

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Smith, and the resolve was read a second time. The amendment recommended by the committee was then adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Joint special
recess com-
mittee on state
finances, —
extension of
time.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve (introduced on leave) extending the time for the filing of the report of the special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 326) ought to pass with an amendment striking out, in line 6, the words "first day of February" and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-sixth day of January". The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Smith, and the resolve was read a second time. The amendment recommended by the committee was then adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At fifteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, January 17, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Bliss of Malden had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Bliss took the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston, —

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock A.M.

Hour of
meeting on
January 18.

Annual Reports.

The annual statement of the Bank Commissioner, under section 15 of chapter 590 of the acts of 1908, of the condition of incorporated banks (printed in Pub. Doc. No. 8), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bank Com-
missioner, —
condition of
incorporated
banks.

The annual abstract, under chapter 235 of the acts of 1906, of the annual report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (House, No. 932) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Metropolitan
Water and
Sewerage
Board, —
abstract of
report.

The report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was referred as follows: —

Attorney-
General, —
annual report.

So much as relates to the separation of the detective department and the boiler inspection department of the District Police, to the committee on Administration and Commissions;

District Police.

So much as relates to withdrawing from the College of Physicians and Surgeons the power to grant degrees, to the committee on Education;

College of
Physicians and
Surgeons.

So much as relates to the liquidation of the affairs of insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies, to the committee on Insurance;

Insurance
companies and
societies.

So much as relates to the returns required to be made to the Commissioner of Corporations by foreign corporations, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs;

Foreign
corporations,
— returns.

So much as relates to the retirement of veterans of the civil war who have been in the service of the Commonwealth, to the committee on Public Service;

Veterans, —
retirement.

So much as relates to the affairs of the Boston and Maine Railroad, to the committee on Railroads;

Boston and
Maine
Railroad.

So much as relates to the payment of corporate franchise taxes by, and the supervision of the expenditures of, street railway com-

Street rail-
way compa-
nies, etc.

panies and other public service corporations, to the committee on Street Railways;

Collectors of taxes.

So much as relates to authorizing cities and towns to provide for the appointment and removal of collectors of taxes by the Tax Commissioner, to the committee on Taxation; and
The residue, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Bills deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally introduced (on leave) by Mr. Wonson of Gloucester, and read; and they were referred as follows:—

Fishing, — use of torches and seines.

Bill to permit the taking of certain fish by means of torches and seines during the period of war (House, No. 933). To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mechanics' liens, — notices by owners of land.

Bill imposing a duty on the owner of land to file the notice of contract provided in the law concerning mechanics' liens (House, No. 934).

Mechanics' liens, — inaccuracies in notices.

Bill to define the rights of workers for inaccuracies in filing notices under the law concerning mechanics' liens (House, No. 935).

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented, read and referred as follows:—

Boston and Ayer, — railroad fares.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, Resolutions in favor of the reduction of the railroad fare from Ayer to Boston for persons in the military service of the United States (House, No. 936).

Independence of Ireland.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, Resolutions relative to the independence of Ireland (House, No. 937).

Congress, — daylight bill.

By Mr. Penshorn of Boston, Resolutions relative to the daylight bill, so called, now pending in Congress (House, No. 938).

Severally to the committee on Federal Relations.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows:—

Public expenditures, — supervision.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 939) of Allan Forbes and others for further supervision of public expenditures for public improvements during the continuance of the war.

Id.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 940) of Samuel J. Fowler for a suspension of unnecessary expenditure in public or public service enterprises.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of the Highway Safety League for the establishment of a motor vehicle commission.

Severally to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 942) of Wendell P. Thoré that the unwarranted killing of dogs be prevented.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 943) of George B. Waterman relative to compensation for tubercular cattle condemned under the general law.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 944) of L. F. Harwood that an error in the law relative to the classification of milk be corrected. To the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 945) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the amount of dividends paid by savings banks and trust companies.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 946) of Francis J. Finneran relative to preventing officers of trust companies or savings banks holding office in more than one such institution or in any realty company operating in the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 947) of Albert Mehlinger relative to the powers of trust companies.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 948) of James T. Harris for the establishment of trust companies to invest only in real estate.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 949) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that savings departments of trust companies be required to invest at least forty per cent of their deposits in certain first mortgages of real estate.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 950) of Raymond P. Delano that savings banks shall be required to invest a certain percentage of their deposits in first mortgages of real estate located within the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 951) of John Rodgers, Jr., that the charter of the Chattel Loan Company be revoked.

Severally to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Bunting of Methuen, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 952) of George Bunting relative to changing the time for holding preliminary elections in the city of Methuen.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 953) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the powers of the mayor of a city to remove heads of departments or members of a board be increased.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Teachers, —
oaths of
allegiance.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Thomas F. Donovan that all teachers in public or private schools and institutions be required to take an oath of allegiance to the United States. To the committee on Education.

Cambridge,
— listing of
voters.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge.

City elections,
— political
designations.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 956) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the use of political designations or marks at city elections be prohibited.

Elections, —
challenging
of voters.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 957) of William J. Foley relative to challenging of voters at elections.

Voters, —
registration.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 958) of Addison P. Burnham and others for an amendment of the law relative to the registration of voters.

Party en-
rollments, —
abolition.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 959) of C. A. Winchester that party enrollments as a requisite for voting at primary elections be abolished.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Aliens, —
registration.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 960) of J. Weston Allen for the registration of certain aliens. To the committee on Federal Relations.

Food
fish, —
increased
supply.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 961) of Arthur N. Newhall that provision be made for an increase in the supply of food fish throughout the Commonwealth. To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Neponset
river, —
navigable
facilities.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 962) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the improvement of the navigable facilities of the Neponset river.

Essex county
beaches, —
public
acquisition.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 963) of James E. Tolman for an investigation concerning the acquisition by the Commonwealth, the county of Essex or the cities and towns therein of the control of the beaches within said county.

Mill river in
Gloucester, —
improvement.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of James E. Tolman that Mill river in the city of Gloucester be dredged and improved.

Severally to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Liability
insurance
companies,
— powers.

By Mr. Benton of Belmont, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 965) of Edward C. Stone that the powers of mutual liability insurance companies be extended.

State
insurance.

By Mr. Hearn of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 966) of William H. Hearn for the appointment of a commission to consider the expediency of the Commonwealth's insuring property against loss by fire.

Industrial
insurance
policies.

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to policies in industrial insurance companies.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 968) of E. J. Cox that injured employees be compensated from the date of their injuries or from an earlier date than at present. Injured employees, — compensation.

By Mr. Reardon of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 969) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the establishment of a state fund for workmen's insurance and for compulsory participation therein by employers. Injured employees, — state insurance fund.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 970) of Philip J. Feinberg relative to the regulation of attorneys' liens for fees for services rendered after suit or action commences. Attorneys' liens.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 971) of Robert Robinson relative to the filing of statements by justices of municipal and district courts upon declining jurisdiction in certain criminal cases. Justices of certain courts, — statements.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 972) of Robert Robinson relative to allowing defendants in criminal cases to investigate the witnesses offered by the Commonwealth. State witnesses, — investigation by defendants.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 973) of Robert Robinson and another relative to allowing continuances to defendants in criminal proceedings. Criminal proceedings, — continuances.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 974) of Andrew P. Doyle for changes in the requirements for compensation under the workmen's compensation act. Injured employees, — requirements for compensation.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of Joseph McGrath that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be further prohibited. Sports and contests, — gambling.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of George A. Thurston that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be further prohibited. Id.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 976) of Francis J. Finneran that sales of stock or bonds without the bona fide delivery of the shares be prohibited. Stock and bonds, — bona fide delivery.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 977) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to recovery of damages by the husband of a married woman for loss of her society, services or companionship through the negligent or wilful act of another person or corporation. Husbands, — damages for loss of wives' services.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Leland Powers for security to the public for personal and property injuries caused by motor vehicles. Motor vehicles, — injuries to persons and property.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 979) of Jacob Wasserman relative to mortgages of personal property by merchants and others and requiring notice of such mortgages. Mortgages of personal property, — notices.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of John D. Aspin relative to the rights and securities of persons furnishing materials for the construction and repair of buildings and other structures. Materials furnished, — liens.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Labor
registering
devices, —
inspection.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 981) of Andrew P. Doyle that mechanical devices used for the purpose of ascertaining hours of labor be inspected by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures. To the committee on Labor.

Furniture
movers, —
returns.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Victor A. Heath and others that movers of household furniture be required to make returns of removals to city or town clerks.

Suffolk county,
— taking of
bail.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 983) of Robert Robinson relative to the taking of bail in criminal cases in the county of Suffolk.

Defendants, —
right to bail.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 984) of Max Ulin and another relative to the right of defendants to bail.

Justices of the
peace, — bail
commissioners.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 985) of Alfred Ray Mitchell for the appointment of justices of the peace as bail commissioners.

Paymasters, —
protection.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 986) of Alfred Ray Mitchell relative to the protection, by armed guards, of paymasters of industrial and commercial concerns.

Liberty Bonds,
— price.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the price to be paid in the sale of Liberty Bonds.

State and
municipal
inspectors, —
private
interests.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 988) of Joseph McGrath relative to preventing inspectors of certain departments of the Commonwealth and of the city of Boston from promoting the sale of any device for the protection or prevention of fire.

Hotels and
restaurants, —
gratuities
for checking.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 989) of Joseph McGrath relative to prohibiting the receiving of gratuities for the checking of clothing by hotels and restaurants or employees thereof.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Book and
credit compa-
nies, —
statements.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 990) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the statements made by book and credit company representatives.

Officers of
public utility
companies.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 991) of Francis J. Finneran relative to officers and directors of public utility companies or corporations holding offices in more than one such company or corporation.

Workshops and
factories, —
opaque glass.

By Mr. Jordan of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of M. H. Jordan relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories.

Building law,
— restrictions.

By Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 993) of Edward I. Kelley relative to removing certain restrictions concerning the construction and remodelling of buildings.

Elevators, —
safety devices.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of John J. Kearney relative to safety devices on elevators.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 995) of Michele Russo and Thomas Russo for the rescinding of a certain contract made by them with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board. Michele and Thomas Russo.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 996) of Augustine Airola that the Revere Beach boulevard be made a one-way street between Eliot circle and Revere street in the city of Revere. Revere Beach boulevard.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 997) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild a certain sea wall on Charles river in the city of Cambridge. Charles River Basin, — wharves and sea walls in Cambridge.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 998) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild certain wharves and walls along Charles river and Broad and Lechmere canals in the Charles River Basin. Id.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 999) of Fred P. Greenwood that the Metropolitan Park Commission be directed to investigate and report as to the advisability and cost of acquiring for park purposes certain land in the city of Everett. Everett, — land for metropolitan parks.

By Mr. John L. Donovan, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1000) of John L. Donovan relative to the number of wards and voting precincts in the city of Boston. Boston, — wards and voting precincts.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1001) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of a junior police department in the city of Boston. Boston, — junior police department.

By Mr. Kelley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1002) of Edward I. Kelley relative to the dredging of a basin between Wood Island park in the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop. East Boston and Winthrop, — basin.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1003) of Raymond P. Delano that the construction and maintenance of metal garages and buildings of limited size and height be allowed in the city of Boston. Boston, — metal garages.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1004) of Raymond P. Delano that the use of asphalt shingles in the city of Boston be authorized. Boston, — use of asphalt shingles.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1005) of Leland Powers for state pay for certain men drafted into the service of the United States. Soldiers and sailors, — compensation.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1006) of E. J. Cox relative to state pay for soldiers and sailors of the Commonwealth in the service of the United States. Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1007) of E. J. Cox that counties, cities and towns be authorized to pay to employees enlisted in the service of the United States the difference between their military and their county or municipal compensation.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
compensation.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1008) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the compensation of employees of counties, cities and towns who are in the military or naval service of the United States or of the Commonwealth.

Hanover, —
expenses for
State Guard.

By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1009) of E. H. Gibson that the town of Hanover be reimbursed for money expended for the State Guard.

East Boston,
— armory.

By Mr. Hearn of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1010) of William H. Hearn for the construction of an armory in the East Boston district of the city of Boston.

Troop C, First
Squadron of
Cavalry, — re-
imbursement.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1011) of D. C. Murphy that former Troop C, First Squadron of the Massachusetts Cavalry, be reimbursed for money expended by them for the care and support of certain horses owned by or in the service of the Commonwealth.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

Boston, —
construction
of Stuart
street.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1012) of John L. Donovan relative to suspending, until twelve months after the war, the authority of the city of Boston to lay out and construct Stuart street.

Millis, —
sewerage
system.

By Mr. Ollendorff of Medway, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1013) of G. G. Hoff and another that the town of Millis be authorized to construct a system of sewerage.

Severally to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Tonics, soda
water, etc., —
bottling.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1014) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to the bottling of tonics, soda water and other beverages.

Soda water,
etc., —
receptacles.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to receptacles used in the sale of soda water and other beverages.

Handlers of
food, —
licenses.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1016) of Paolo Contestabile and others that persons who handle food for general consumption be licensed.

Vinegar, —
standard and
sale.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1017) of Howard F. Furness that the standard of vinegar be established and that the sale thereof be regulated.

Id.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1018) of Victor F. Jewett relative to the manufacture and sale of vinegar.

Id.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1019) of Victor F. Jewett relative to an investigation of the laws and regulations concerning the manufacture and sale of apple-cider and other vinegars.

Boston, —
garbage
disposal.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1020) of Henry E. Bowden relative to the removal of garbage and other refuse matter in the city of Boston.

Buildings, —
liability for
unsanitary
conditions.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1021) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that tenants as well as landlords be made liable for unsanitary conditions in buildings.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1022) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence for the appointment of a special commission to investigate the institutions of refuge and detention throughout the Commonwealth.

Institutions of refuge and detention, — investigation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1023) of B. L. Young that provision be made for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military or naval service of the United States.

Soldiers and sailors with mental diseases, — care.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons.

Feeble-minded persons, — supervision.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1025) of B. L. Young that provision be made for the care of defective delinquents.

Defective delinquents, — care.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1026) of B. L. Young relative to ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth.

Persons before the courts, — mental condition.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1027) of Frederic F. Clauss and another relative to the cost and quality of gas in the city of Cambridge.

Cambridge, — cost and quality of gas.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1028) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that the price and quality of gas furnished in the city of Boston be better regulated.

Boston, — price and quality of gas.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1029) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the standardization of gas and electric meters used in the city of Boston.

Boston, — gas and electric meters.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1030) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for an evaluation of the properties of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

Edison Company and Boston Consolidated Gas Company, — value of properties.

Severally to the committee on Public Lighting.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1031) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk at the Massachusetts Reformatory.

Massachusetts Reformatory, — parole clerk.

By Mr. Cashman of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1032) of John B. Cashman that employees of the Commonwealth and of the cities and towns thereof be paid in money for overtime work.

Public employees, — overtime work.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1033) of Martin Hays relative to the compensation of elevator men employed in the State House.

Elevator men at the State House, — compensation.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of William J. Manning that the wages of scrubwomen employed at the State House be increased.

Scrubwomen at the State House, — wages.

By Mr. Hearn of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1035) of William H. Hearn and others relative to the removal, suspension or transfer of persons appointed under the civil service.

Civil service employees, — removals, etc.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
civil service
rating.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1036) of William J. Manning for the protection of the civil service standing and rating of soldiers and sailors during the present war.

Chicopee
superintendent
of streets, —
civil service.

By Mr. O'Connor of Chicopee, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1037) of James C. Buckley and another that the city of Chicopee be authorized to place its superintendent of streets under the civil service law.

Carmine
Violante, —
reinstatement.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1038) of Edward A. Scigliano for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante by the Metropolitan Park Commission without further examination.

Medical
examiners, —
salaries and
expenses.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1039) of Henry Lafavour and another relative to the salaries and expenses of medical examiners and associate medical examiners.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Railroad
tracks in
Boston, —
fencing.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1040) of William J. Manning for the fencing of railroad tracks in the city of Boston. To the committee on Railroads.

Operators
of motor
vehicles, —
examination.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1041) of the Highway Safety League that applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be examined.

Motor vehicle
license fees, —
distribution.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1042) of I. U. Wood relative to the distribution to cities and towns of the proceeds of the license fees for motor vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Junior police
organizations.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1043) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of junior police organizations by cities and towns.

Suffolk
county, —
pensioning of
scrubwomen.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1044) of William J. Manning that provision be made for pensioning scrubwomen employed by the county of Suffolk.

Social
insurance.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1045) of Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of old-age, health, maternity and other forms of social insurance.

Accident and
sickness
insurance.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1046) of George M. Worrall relative to the issuing of policies of insurance against accident or disease.

Non-contribu-
tory old-age
pensions.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1047) of Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of a system of non-contributory old-age pensions.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Boston
Elevated
Railway
Company, —
value of
property.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1048) of Joseph McGrath that the Public Service Commission make a physical evaluation of the property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Street railway
companies, —
support by
municipalities.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1049) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be

authorized to contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges of street railway lines.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1050) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to purchase the property of street railway companies.

Street railway companies, — support by municipalities.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1051) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to extend financial aid to street railway companies.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Street Railways.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1052) of Fred A. Fernald relative to deductions from taxable incomes.

Taxable incomes, — deductions.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1053) of Martin Hays that the amount of income exempt from taxation be increased.

Taxable income, — exemptions.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1054) of Frederic B. Greenhalge relative to the computation of the income tax upon income received by estates held in trust by trustees.

Income from trust estates, — taxation.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1055) of George Ward Cook that provision be made for a celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

Landing of the Pilgrims, — tercentenary.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1056) of George S. Fuller that the Treasurer and Receiver-General be authorized to refund income taxes paid by representatives of estates of persons dying prior to January 1, 1917.

Income tax payments, — refunding.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston presented a petition of the United Improvement Association of Boston relative to the construction of a tunnel in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Dorchester district of Boston, — tunnel.

Mr. Leavitt of Boston presented a petition of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the construction of a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Id.

Mr. Cashman of Boston presented a petition of John B. Cashman relative to the alteration of the Devonshire Street station of the East Boston tunnel in the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

East Boston tunnel, — alteration of a station.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford presented a petition of Andrew P. Doyle and another that a part of the town of Dartmouth be annexed to the city of New Bedford. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

New Bedford and Dartmouth, — boundary line.

Papers from the Senate.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor was read:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 16, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
—Serbian
War Mission.

I am informed that the Serbian War Mission to the United States is to visit the Commonwealth on Friday, January eighteenth. In my opinion such an event warrants the holding of a joint session by the two Houses for the purpose of receiving the members of this Commission.

I accordingly recommend, if such be your pleasure, that you provide for a joint session of the two Houses for the purpose I have indicated, the exact time to be decided upon by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:—

Joint
convention, —
Serbian
War Mission.

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held on Friday, January 18th, at 11 o'clock, A.M., unless some other hour shall subsequently be agreed upon, for the purpose of receiving and doing honor to the distinguished members of the Serbian War Mission to the United States; and

Further, That the Clerks of the two branches transmit to His Excellency the Governor a copy of this order.

Joint rules.

A report of the joint special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the two branches, recommending that, in addition to Joint Rule No. 1 already adopted, the other joint rules of last year be adopted as the joint rules for the present year, accepted by the Senate, was read.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Smith.

Commission on
Probation, —
report on
paroles from
county
institutions.

A Resolve to extend the time within which the Commission on Probation may report as to paroles from county jails and houses of correction (Senate, No. 198) (reported on a preliminary report of said commission), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission.

The Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 498 of 1917) (taken from the Senate files of last year), which had been referred by the Senate to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, and by the House, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Administration and Commissions, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference.

The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston; and the bill was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 480) of Robert T. Kent that the time be extended within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough, which had been referred by the House to the committee on Cities, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply. Lanesborough,
— water from
Pittsfield.

The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Clauss of Cambridge; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply.

Petitions, taken from the files of last year, were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75) of Frank H. Allison and another for the improvement of a highway in the towns of Weston, Wayland, Natick and Framingham. Weston, Wayland, etc., —
highway improvement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 76) of William G. Lord for the improvement of the highways from South Athol to North Dana through the towns of New Salem and Petersham. Athol, New Salem, Petersham and Dana,
— highway improvement.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 135) of Arthur E. Horton that provision be made for the appointment of a drainage board of survey. To the committee on Administration and Commissions. Drainage board of survey.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 137) of Charles A. Gleason and others that the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College be dissolved and that provision be made for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth. To the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly. Massachusetts Agricultural College, —
state control.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 138) of Arthur W. Colburn relative to the classification and grading of milk. To the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly. Milk, —
classification and grading.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 139) of Charles S. Baxter relative to the investments of trust companies. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Trust companies, — invest-
ments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 101) of Ernest Acker that Clair P. Chainey may be reinstated in the police department of the city of Revere without civil service examination. Revere, —
Clair P. Chainey.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 102) of John E. Beck that the assessors of the city of Chelsea be elected by the voters. Chelsea, —
election of assessors.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103) of the Massachusetts Permanent Firemen's Association for the division of permanent members of fire departments into day and night forces. Fire departments, — day
and night forces.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Public service corporations, — control by voluntary associations.
Food and other necessities, — maximum prices.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 142) of C. F. Ames that voluntary associations and joint stock companies be prohibited from owning or controlling public service corporations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 143) of George E. Curran that the Governor and Council be authorized to establish maximum prices for the retail sale of food and other necessities in times of emergency.

Plymouth county, — sittings of the Superior Court.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of Edward N. Dahlborg relative to the sittings of the Superior Court for criminal business in the county of Plymouth.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Lumber, — measuring and surveying.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 147) of Charles H. Cram and others relative to charges for measuring and surveying lumber and to the maintenance of the office of the Surveyor-General of Lumber. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

King's beach, — public comfort station.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 149) of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott. To the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 47) of John E. Beck that funds for the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts be appropriated. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Boston, — Stuart and Eliot streets.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 156) of William J. McDonald and another for an extension of the time within which an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out and construct Stuart street and relocate and construct Eliot street may be accepted. To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Veal, — sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 157) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of veal. To the committee on Public Health.

Taunton, — municipal light commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 158) of William J. Davison and others that a municipal light commission be established in the city of Taunton. To the committee on Public Lighting.

Commercial motor vehicles and trucks, — registration fees.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 159) of Malcolm E. Nichols that the fees for the registration of commercial motor vehicles and motor trucks be established. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Minimum Wage Commission, — enforcement of recommendations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 130) of Edward F. McGrady, president of the Boston Central Labor Union, and another that provision be made for enforcing the recommendations of the Minimum Wage Commission in certain cases.

Women and children, — hours of labor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 131) of Edward F. McLaughlin relative to the hours of labor of women and children.

Boston, — retirement allowance for laborers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 132) of M. F. O'Brien, for the Federated State, City and Town Employees Unions, for legislation relative to the retirement allowance for laborers employed by the city of Boston.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 133) of Frederick Butler and others that minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen may be employed in bowling alleys. Minors, —
employment
in bowling
alleys.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 53) of John E. Beck for the refunding and cancellation of income taxes upon annuities, pensions or retirement allowances paid to members of police or fire departments. Retired police
officers and
firemen, —
income tax.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 134) of B. H. Goodrich relative to the taxation as income of certain interest receipts. Interest from
loans, —
income tax.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Orders of the Day.

Resolves:

Extending the time for the filing of the report of the special commission appointed to study problems relating to street railways (House, No. 325, amended); and Orders of
the day.

Extending the time for the filing of the report of the special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 326, amended);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

At twelve minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, January 18, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at half-past ten o'clock A.M. with Mr. Bliss of Malden in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reception of the Royal Serbian Mission.

Joint Convention to receive the Royal Serbian Mission.

Pursuant to the provisions of an order adopted on January 17 a convention of the two branches was held for the purpose of receiving and doing honor to the distinguished members of the Serbian War Mission to the United States.

The Senate having entered the Chamber, its President pro tempore (Mr. Hobbs of Worcester) took the chair; and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Cavanagh, Hobson and Fitzgerald, of the Senate, and Messrs. Smith of Boston, Lord of Athol, Kiernan of Wareham, Benton of Belmont, Putnam of Lowell, Richards of Malden, Moran of Mansfield and Craig of Boston, of the House, were appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and upon the distinguished members of the Royal Serbian Mission, and inform them that the two branches were in joint convention and would request the pleasure and the honor of their presence in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cavanagh, for the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency Dr. Vesnitch and other guests would attend upon the convention forthwith.

His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency Dr. Vesnitch and other members of the Royal Serbian Mission, the Honorable Council, His Honor the Mayor of Boston, and various distinguished guests then came in, accompanied by civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the Governor and His Excellency Dr. Milenko R. Vesnitch, Chief of the Royal Serbian Mission, were presented to the Convention, and addressed the members.

After which His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency Dr. Vesnitch and the other guests retired, the convention was dissolved and the members proceeded to Memorial Hall to greet in person the distinguished guests.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams, —

Committee on Pay-roll, —
claims
of members.

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll investigate the claims of members of the House who consider that the amounts allowed them for compensation for travelling expenses are insufficient.

Petitions.

A petition of Edwin F. Barnes and others for the annexation to the town of Great Barrington of a portion of the town of West Stockbridge, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been deposited in his office under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, was referred, under Rule 29, to the next General Court, for the reason that no bill or resolve embodying the legislation prayed for had been presented to accompany it.

Great Barrington and West Stockbridge, — boundary line.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows:—

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1057) of J. Weston Allen that a commission on public utilities be established to supersede the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners. To the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Commission on public utilities.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058) of George B. Waterman that the raising and keeping of sheep in the Commonwealth be encouraged. To the committee on Agriculture.

Sheep raising.

By Mr. McGrath of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of Joseph McGrath that co-operative and savings banks shall call in other loans before those secured by homesteads. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Co-operative and savings banks, — homestead loans.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Obert Sletten and others relative to the appointment of a board of license commissioners in the city of Cambridge.

Cambridge, — board of license commissioners.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1061) of Charles S. Baxter that a board of public works be established in the city of Medford.

Medford, — board of public works.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1062) of D. C. Murphy that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate Daniel J. O'Sullivan in the public works department of said city.

Boston, — Daniel J. O'Sullivan.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1063) of Patrick H. Ryan that he may be reinstated in the reserve police of the city of Somerville.

Somerville, — Patrick H. Ryan.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1064) of George M. Worrall relative to boards of survey in cities.

Cities, — boards of survey.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the recall of judicial officers.

Judicial officers, — recall.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the election of judicial officers.

Judicial officers, — election.

Severally to the committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Hampden
county, —
John J. O'Neil.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067) of John Murphy that the county commissioners of the county of Hampden be authorized to reimburse John J. O'Neil for loss incurred in connection with the construction of a training school building for said county.

Norfolk
county, —
sister of
Adolph F. A.
Schuls.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1068) of J. Arnold Farrer that the county of Norfolk be authorized to pay a sum of money to the dependent sister of Adolph F. A. Schulz.

Severally to the committee on Counties.

Public school
teachers, —
minimum sal-
ary and state
certification.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1069) of the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation relative to a minimum salary and state certification of teachers in the public service. To the committee on Education.

Cambridge
elections, —
position of
names on
ballots.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1070) of George H. Jennings and another relative to the position of names of candidates on official ballots in the city of Cambridge.

Elections, —
challenging of
voters.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1071) of Martin M. Lomasney relative to the challenging of voters at elections.

Boston, —
referendum on
granting liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1072) of William H. Coblentz that the referendum on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Boston be taken once in four years.

Municipal
elections, —
qualification
for voting.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1073) of Charles H. Morrill that the period of residence required as a qualification for voting in city and town elections be reduced.

Questions of
public policy,
— counting of
ballots.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1074) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the counting of ballots under the law providing for submitting to the voters questions of public policy.

Questions of
public policy,
— number of
signatures.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1075) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the number of signatures required to provide for submitting to the voters questions of public policy.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Congress, —
public owner-
ship of meat
supply.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1076) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of the stockyard and meat-packing industries.

Congress, —
public owner-
ship of oil
wells.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1077) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of oil wells and oil-bearing lands.

Congress, —
public owner-
ship of coal
mines.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1078) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of coal mines.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1079) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for permanent ownership and operation of the railroads of the country by the United States government.

Congress, —
public ownership of railroads.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1080) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for a uniform eight-hour day for all industrial workers.

Congress, —
uniform eight-hour day.

Severally to the committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Stetson of Yarmouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1081) of William N. Stetson that the number of bushels of scallops that may be taken in one day be increased. To the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Taking of
scallops.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1082) of James T. Bagshaw for an investigation by a special commission of the rates charged for fire insurance.

Fire insurance
rates, —
investigation.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1083) of John L. Donovan relative to the cash surrender value of industrial insurance policies.

Industrial
insurance
policies, —
surrender
value.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1084) of John L. Donovan that the full amount of fire insurance policies be paid in cases of total loss.

Fire insurance,
— payment for
total loss.

Severally to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to relations of husband and wife.

Husbands and
wives, — legal
relationship.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1086) of J. Weston Allen relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court.

Acts and
resolves, —
printing and
distribution.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1087) of James A. Keown relative to involuntary trust resulting from negligence.

Involuntary
trust resulting
from negli-
gence.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1088) of William Boyce and another relative to notice and service in the courts of the Commonwealth.

Courts, —
notice and
service.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1089) of Arthur Berenson relative to liens for labor and materials on buildings and land.

Labor and
materials, —
liens.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1090) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to admitting attorneys from sister states to practice in Massachusetts.

Attorneys
from other
states, —
practice.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1091) of James M. Curley that the city of Boston be authorized to dispose of Rainsford Island in Boston harbor and the Suffolk School for Boys.

Boston, —
Rainsford
Island and
Suffolk School
for Boys.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1092) of Philip P. Coveney for the appointment of a commission to investigate the laws relative to workmen's compensation and the conduct of insurance companies regarding the same.

Workmen's
compensation
insurance, —
investigation.

Industrial
accidents, —
compensation.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1093) of James J. McCarthy for an amendment of the law relative to payments to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment and to the prevention of such injuries.

Second District
Court of
Eastern Middlesex, —
impeachment of
justices.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1094) of James A. Keown and another for an investigation and for the removal by impeachment of the justice and associate justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex.

State
judiciary, —
investigation.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1095) of James A. Keown and others for an investigation of the judicial branch of the government of the Commonwealth.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Employers and
employees, —
exchange of
vouchers.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1096) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the exchange of vouchers between employers and employees.

Night employ-
ment.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the employment of persons during the night.

Public service
corporations, —
employment of
aliens.

By Mr. Kelley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1098) of Edward I. Kelley that no public service corporation shall be allowed to employ aliens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one.

Employees, —
fines for tardi-
ness.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1099) of Charles H. Morrill that the practice of fining employees for tardiness be prohibited.

Severally to the committee on Labor.

Appeal, —
alternative
method.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1100) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to an alternative method of appeal.

Joseph Foster,
— illegal im-
prisonment.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1101) of Clarence W. Rowley that Joseph Foster be compensated for illegal imprisonment in the Dedham jail and for an illegal fine imposed upon him.

William G.
Walsh, — illegal
imprisonment.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1102) of Clarence W. Rowley that William G. Walsh be compensated for illegal imprisonment in the Dedham jail and for an illegal fine imposed upon him.

Sale of
pledges, —
disposition of
surplus.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1103) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the disposition of surplus from the sale of pledges.

Clerks of
courts, —
filing of
papers.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1104) of Margaret E. Hobby and others relative to the filing of papers in the office of clerks of courts.

Public admin-
istrators, —
increased num-
ber.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1105) of Silvio Martinelli relative to increasing the number of public administrators to be appointed for each county.

Second-hand
motor vehicles,
— purchase and
sale.

By Mr. Reardon of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1106) of Dennis F. Reardon relative to the purchase and sale of second-hand motor vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Cooke of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1107) of the American Oriental Society that it be authorized to hold its meetings outside the Commonwealth.

American Oriental Society, — meetings.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1108) of Clarence W. Rowley that discrimination and abuses by public service corporations be prohibited.

Public service corporations, — discrimination.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1109) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the salaries or compensation of officers and employees of public service corporations.

Public service corporations, — compensation of officers and employees.

By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1110) of E. H. Gibson that a standard caliper be established for the measurement of timber.

Measurement of timber, — standard caliper.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of Philip P. Coveney that telephone users receive adequate compensation for injuries sustained by unwarranted interruption of service.

Telephone subscribers, — compensation for interrupted service.

By Mr. Mitchell of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1112) of Thomas L. Hisgen relative to regulating the sale of gasoline.

Sale of gasoline, — regulation.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1113) of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge for authority to acquire certain church property in the village of South Lee.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge.

By Mr. Stetson of Yarmouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1114) of William N. Stetson that fees for the sealing of weights and measures be abolished.

Sealing of weights and measures, — fees.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1115) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the number of members of the board of building commissioners in the city of Boston necessary to vary the provisions of the law relative to building permits in said city.

Boston building commissioners, — building permits.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1116) of Philip J. Feinberg relative to the use of basements of buildings in the city of Boston.

Boston, — use of basements of buildings.

By Mr. Mahoney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1116) of John P. Mahoney relative to the use of basements in the city of Boston.

Id.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1220) of James M. Curley and another for an amendment of the building law of the city of Boston.

Boston, — building laws.

By Mr. Reardon of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1117) of Maria J. Mutch for compensation for board, care and nursing of an employee of the Metropolitan Park Commission injured in the discharge of duty.

Maria J. Mutch, — compensation for caring for a state employee.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

By Mr. Bates of Salem, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1118) of Ellen F. Cody for compensation for injury received from a horse ridden by a member of the National Guard while on duty.

Ellen F. Cody, — compensation for injuries.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1119) of H. Ashley Bowen that David J. Sheehan of Lynn be reimbursed for horses supplied by him to the Commonwealth.

David J. Sheehan, — compensation for horses.

State em-
ployees, —
compensation
while on the
State Guard.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1120) of E. J. Cox relative to the compensation of certain state employees while on duty as members of the State Guard.

State Guard, —
enlistment age.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1121) of George B. Waterman relative to the enlistment of men in the State Guard between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one.

East Boston,
— armory and
battalion of
infantry.

By Mr. Kelley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Edward I. Kelley that an armory and a battalion of infantry be provided for the East Boston district of the city of Boston.

Quincy, —
state armory.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1123) of A. L. Whitman that provision be made for a state armory in the city of Quincy.

Cities and
towns, —
reimbursement
for expenses of
the State
Guard.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1124) of A. L. Whitman that cities and towns be reimbursed for expenses incurred in equipping and maintaining companies of the State Guard.

Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

Boston, — in-
terest on loans.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1125) of James M. Curley relative to the rates of interest on loans of the city of Boston. To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Vaccine virus,
— purity.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1126) of James T. Bagshaw relative to insuring the purity of vaccine virus. To the committee on Public Health.

Mary A.
Kelly, —
compensation
for injuries.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1127) of Mary A. Kelly that she be compensated for injuries received while in the performance of her duties at the Westborough State Hospital.

State Prison,
— new loca-
tion.

By Mr. Mahoney of Boston, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1128) of John P. Mahoney relative to an investigation as to the most desirable location for a State Prison.

Severally to the committee on Public Institutions.

Boston and
vicinity, —
price of gas.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1129) of James M. Curley relative to the price of gas in the city of Boston and its vicinity.

Merrimack
river, — power
for electricity
for Haverhill.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1130) of Charles H. Morrill for the appointment of a commission to investigate relative to the use of the Merrimack river for the production of electricity for the city of Haverhill.

Severally to the committee on Public Lighting.

District Court
of Southern
Essex, —
salaries.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1131) of Starr Parsons and another relative to the establishment of the salaries of the officials of the District Court of Southern Essex.

Boston munic-
ipal court, —
official
stenographers.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1132) of Thomas F. Donovan that official stenographers be appointed in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1133) of Andrew P. Doyle relative to the retirement of Robert J. Taylor, an employee of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Robert J. Taylor, — retirement.

By Mr. Foster of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1134) of William Foster that the building commissioner of the city of Springfield be placed under the civil service laws. Springfield building commissioner, — civil service.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1135) of Edward F. McGrady for an increase in the salary of the Deputy Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District. Deputy Fire Prevention Commissioner, — salary.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1136) of H. C. Merwin that horse-drawn vehicles in commercial use be marked so as to show the ownership thereof. To the committee on Roads and Bridges. Commercial horse-drawn vehicles, — marking.

By Mr. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1137) of Mary Hobby and others relative to registration and care of the feeble-minded. Feeble-minded, — registration and care.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1138) of T. F. Donovan for an increase in the amount of the pension allowed to laborers retired from the employ of the city of Boston. Boston, — increased retirement pension for laborers.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1139) of Charles H. Morrill that the age at which minors may be employed in certain industries be raised from fourteen to sixteen years. Employed minors, — age.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1140) of Charles H. Morrill that the Homestead Commission be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens of the city of Haverhill. Homestead Commission, — homesteads in Haverhill.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1141) of Charles H. Morrill that cities and towns be authorized, during the time of war, to purchase and sell the necessities of life. Necessaries of life, — supply by municipalities.

Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1142) of James M. Curley relative to the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads. To the committee on Street Railways. Street railways and electric railroads, — public ownership.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1143) of George L. Ellsworth and another relative to the abatement of taxes because of age, infirmity and poverty. Abatement of taxes.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1144) of William H. McDonnell that all persons who have been or shall be in the military or naval service of the United States be exempted from the payment of poll taxes. Soldiers and sailors, — poll tax exemptions.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1145) of Roscoe A. Smith for taxation of dividends on shares of telephone and telegraph companies chartered outside the Commonwealth. Telephone and telegraph stock, — taxation of dividends.

Sheep and
sheep raising
property, —
tax exemption.

By Mr. Wood of Hopkinton, petition (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 1146, 1147 and 1148) of Frank F. Baldwin that sheep and property used in the raising of sheep be exempted from taxation.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Amesbury, —
water and
sewer depart-
ments.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1149) of Samuel L. Porter that the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury be consolidated. To the committee on Towns.

Will of Henry
S. Bridge, —
reimburse-
ment of
executrix.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1150) of Edward J. Colman that Maude H. Bridge, executrix under the will of Henry S. Bridge, be reimbursed for money paid by her for an income tax which should not have been levied.

Will of Waldo
H. Stearns, —
reimbursement
of executors.

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1151) of Edward J. Colman that the executors under the will of Waldo H. Stearns be compensated for an income tax paid under an erroneous levy and assessment.

Severally to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

East Boston, —
removal of
street car
tracks.

Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston presented a petition of E. J. Cox for the removal of street car tracks from a certain portion of Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston, —
additional sub-
ways and
tunnels.

Mr. Burr of Boston presented a petition of Arthur Berenson relative to the construction of additional tunnels and subways and the removal of elevated structures in the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston, —
referendum on
five-cent fare
limit.

Mr. McGrath of Boston presented a petition of Joseph McGrath for a referendum in the city of Boston on the question of fixing the five-cent fare limit on the lines of the Boston Elevated Railway Company. The same member moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Church cor-
porations, —
membership.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of John V. Kimball and another for a change in the requirements for membership in church corporations. Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Suffolk
county, —
Superior Court
expenses.

Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of Francis A. Campbell relative to the expenses of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Red Cross
Hospital
Association, —
charter.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston presented a petition of Joshua Wilson and others that the charter of the Red Cross Hospital

Association be revived. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Hirsch of Dedham presented a petition of John Crawford and others that Walter H. Young be compensated for loss of pay and for expenses incurred by him while serving in the United States Army in the year 1917. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Walter H.
Young of
Dedham.

Mr. Joyce of Boston presented a petition of Thomas M. Joyce for the regulation of the manufacture and sale of bread and to determine the purity thereof. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Bread, —
manufacture,
sale and purity.

Mr. Malone of Worcester presented a petition of Michael F. Malone that the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace be confirmed. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

John H.
Meagher of
Worcester.

Mr. Powers of Newton presented a petition of Edwin O. Childs and another that the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton be authorized. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Newton, —
John T.
Roche.

Mr. Spinney of Weymouth presented a petition of Henry C. Alvord and others for the incorporation of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association with authority to maintain a cemetery in South Weymouth. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Mount Hope
Cemetery
Association.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Athol the petition of Everett R. Prout that the board of parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons be established as a separate department, was taken from the files of last year. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Board of
parole, —
separate
department.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received that Honorable Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., of Worcester had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair during the absence of the President, or for a period not exceeding three days following January 16th.

President pro
tempore of the
Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the General Court request the federal fuel administrator for New England to ascertain, in the interests of fuel conservation, whether the Essex Company of Lawrence, the

Manufacturing
companies on
the Merrimack
river, — utili-
zation of water
power.

Locks and Canal Company of Lowell and other manufacturing companies on the Merrimack river are utilizing to full capacity the water power of said river in the operation of their respective plants, or whether such companies are unnecessarily consuming coal for the production of power; and that the clerks of the two branches be instructed to transmit a copy of this order to the said fuel administrator.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Board of
Registration
in Medicine, —
membership.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 166) of Barnard H. Weiner relative to the succession in office of members of the Board of Registration in Medicine.

Gas meters, —
safety devices.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 167) of John J. Kearney that provision be made for an investigation relative to the advisability and feasibility of the use of safety devices on gas meters.

Monopolistic
conditions, —
investigation.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 168) of Edward F. McLaughlin that provision be made for a special commission to investigate certain monopolistic conditions created by the operation of certain laws.

Severally to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Agriculture
and country
life, — promo-
tion through
organised
corporations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 136) of the Hampden County Improvement League and others that provisions be made for the organization of corporations for the purpose of aiding and promoting agriculture and country life. To the committee on Agriculture.

Mortgages, —
enforced
payment.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 169) of B. Frank Carroll relative to enforcing payments of mortgages by savings banks and trust companies.

Credit unions,
— supervision.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 170) of James M. Curley that provision be made for the supervision of credit unions.

Severally to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Towns, — high
school educa-
tion.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 141) of George B. Churchill that provision be made for high school education by towns of less than five hundred families and to state aid therefor. To the committee on Education.

Employees, —
time for voting.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 171) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that time for voting be allowed to employees of certain establishments. To the committee on Election Laws.

Aliens, —
selective draft.

Petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 172) of Silas D. Reed for the passage of resolutions expressing the sentiment of the Commonwealth that resident aliens be required to serve under the selective draft. To the committee on Federal Relations.

Building laws,
— enforcement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 146) of Mark Temple Dowling relative to hearings and appeals on orders for the enforcement of building laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 173) of Frank J. Donahue relative to the admissibility in evidence of conversations between husband and wife. Husband and wife, — evidence of conversations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 174) of Herbert C. Parsons that provision be made for a domestic relations session of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Boston, — domestic relations court.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 175) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that provision be made for the weekly payment of compensation to employees of clubs in cities. Clubs, — weekly payment of employees.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 176) of Archie E. Hurlburt and others that hotels be exempt from the operation of certain labor laws relating to mercantile establishments. Hotels, — operation of certain labor laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 177) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that provision be made for one day off in seven days for employees in hotels and restaurants. Hotels and restaurants, — one day off in seven for employees.

Severally to the committee on Labor.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 148) of Etta C. Willard that resident caretakers or janitors shall be maintained in apartment houses in which six or more families are domiciled. Apartment houses, — caretakers or janitors.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 178) of John E. Beck for further regulation of sales of shares of stock in mining corporations. Mining corporations, — sales of stock.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 179) of David T. Montague relative to the change of name of corporations. Corporations, — change of name.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 152) of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct sidewalks and assess betterments therefor. Metropolitan Park Commission, — sidewalks.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 153) of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to employ police officers for temporary service. Metropolitan Park Commission, — temporary police officers.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 154) of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be directed to report concerning the reconstruction of Neponset bridge and the approaches thereto. Neponset bridge, — report on reconstruction.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 182) of James M. Curley, mayor, relative to the construction of sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston. Boston, — sewerage works.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 155) of Walter E. McLane for a repeal of the law providing for the laying out and construction of Stuart and Eliot streets in the city of Boston. Boston, — Stuart and Eliot streets.

Petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 190) of Henry G. Wells and Channing H. Cox for the passage of resolutions in favor of the movement to raise money in America for France, — rebuilding of destroyed cities, towns and villages.

the rebuilding of destroyed cities, towns and villages in France.
To the joint committee on Rules.

Blind persons
in business, —
state aid.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 160) of George W. Jones that the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind be authorized to give certain aid to blind persons in business.

County em-
ployees, —
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 161) of James F. Savage relative to interest payments under the retirement system for county employees.

Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 162) of James F. Savage relative to the retirement of disabled county employees. Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Alice Gigger,
— annuity.

Petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 196) of Alice Gigger, a member of the Hassanamisco tribe of Indians, that she may be authorized to receive an annuity. To the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of a Committee.

Samantha
Talbot and
Delia A. Daly,
— annuities.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 361) of Samantha Talbot and Delia A. Daly, members of the Oneida tribe of Indians, for a continuance of the annuity allowed to them from the treasury of the Commonwealth. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Sarah B.
Pocknett and
Rebecca C.
Hammond, —
annuities.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 26), a Resolve granting annuities to Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond of Mashpee (House, No. 1152). Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The Resolve to extend the time within which the Commission on Probation may report as to paroles from county jails and houses of correction (Senate, No. 198) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett, and the resolve was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Greenwood.

At ten minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Jewett of Lowell (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, January 21, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:—

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, January 21, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I recommend that you authorize the State House Commission to make a moderate expenditure to put the State House grounds in front of the west wing in a presentable condition. Although the west wing is completed it is necessary to keep the front entrance to it closed because there is no path to Beacon street, and the way used is through the east wing, and by the passage ways—some of them narrow and often crowded—running from one end of the State House to the other. An expensive tract of land was taken in order that this wing might front upon the Common, but this land is fronted by a high fence in order to hide from the street the unsightly condition of the land which must be looked into from the windows of the State House behind it. A very small amount of money would suffice to construct a path to the street and to level the land, take away the fence, and at the same time remove what is an eyesore in the most conspicuous place in the city. A proper landscape treatment of the grounds which is necessary should not be undertaken at the present time because of the expense involved. One year ago, after the State House was completed and the Commonwealth had enlarged the grounds by taking land of great value, I recommended in line with the opinion of an excellent architect, a comprehensive treatment of the grounds, having as an important feature, the restoration of the Hancock House upon its original site, which was included in the taking. After my recommendation had been made the war came upon us, and the Legislature decided to take no action, a course of which I fully approved. But that plan seems to be so fitting that it would be well not to make it impossible by any treatment of the grounds which would prevent it. This house would cost about ten percent of the value of the land; it would fit in excellently with the development of the grounds; and with the three Bulfinch houses to the west and the State House itself, the entire frontage of the square upon the Common would be of characteristic old colonial architecture. This plan would be likely to forestall the taking of the land through to Joy street, which would be very expensive, result in destroying the Bulfinch houses I have referred to, and

Message from the Governor,— completion of the State House grounds and restoration of the John Hancock House.

would terminate the grounds directly upon the high apartment house on the other side of Joy street. Nearly thirty states now have houses for their Governor, and a restored Hancock House would furnish an inexpensive and dignified residence for future Governors. The simple beauty of the house was so characteristic of the old colonial times that the Commonwealth reproduced it at great expense at the World's Fair in Chicago. It was a piece of good fortune that the original site of this house should come into the possession of the Commonwealth. This and the fame of her first Governor whose name led the roll of the great names upon the Declaration of Independence, and the artistic fitness of the work led me to feel that we should fall far short of the ideal thing, both from the standpoint of artistic beauty, and of giving due reverence to a tradition if we did not complete the noble frontage upon Boston Common by joining to the things which we now have there a reproduction of the John Hancock House upon the spot where it once stood. If it were not to be used as a Governor's house, it could be availed of for the State's business at a less cost according to the space furnished than that of the rooms in the new wings. In preparation for the project a year ago the plans of the house were recovered and drawings made, which can hereafter be utilized if it should be decided to adopt this plan of developing the State House grounds.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

The message was read; and, on motion of Mr. Whitney of Clinton, it was referred to the committee on State House and Libraries. (House, No. 1153.) Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions deposited with the Clerk before five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, January 12, were severally presented and referred as follows:—

State Board
of Conciliation
and Arbitra-
tion,—
salaries.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1154) of Bernard F. Supple relative to the establishment of the salaries of the members and the secretary of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

County treas-
urers' clerks,
— salaries.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1155) of David I. Robinson relative to the grading of salaries of clerks in the office of county treasurers.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

King's beach
in Swampscott,
— comfort
station.

Mr. Bentley of Swampscott presented a petition of Clarence W. Horton and others in aid of the petition of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott; and the same was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Chief quartermaster and
superintendent
of armories,—
salaries.

Mr. Atwood of Boston presented a petition of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the salary of the chief quartermaster and of the superintendent of armories of the militia. The same member

moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Bunting of Methuen presented a petition of Samuel Rushton, mayor, and others that a police court be established in the city of Methuen. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Methuen, —
police court.

Mr. Blague of Springfield presented a petition of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to take land for school purposes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Springfield,
— land for
school pur-
poses.

Mr. Morrison of Medford presented a petition of James Morrison that the city of Medford be reimbursed for expenses incurred in equipping a company of the State Guard. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Medford, —
expenses of
State Guard.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the transaction of workmen's compensation insurance and self-insurance (Senate, No. 91), taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Workmen's
compensation
insurance and
self-insurance.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 140) of Arthur N. Harriman and others, officers of the New Bedford Central Labor Union, that municipalities be authorized to supply their inhabitants with fuel and other necessities of life, referred by the Senate to the committee on Cities, was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett, to the committee on Social Welfare. Sent up for concurrence.

Necessaries
of life, —
municipal fuel
yards, etc.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 163) of Walter E. McLane that mileage be paid to the doorkeepers and the assistant doorkeepers of the General Court, referred by the Senate to the joint committee on Ways and Means, was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Whitman of Quincy, to the committee on Public Service. Sent up for concurrence.

General Court,
— mileage for
doorkeepers
and assistant
doorkeepers.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 151) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for the construction of a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's Corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, came down referred by the Senate to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston, —
tunnel in the
Dorchester
district.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 145) of Silas D. Reed that provision be made for compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust.

White pine
blister rust, —
damages.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 203) of Daniel J. McDonald and another relative to trustee process.

Trustee
process.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Furniture
movers, —
recording of
information.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Charles A. Frazer that persons moving furniture be required to give information regarding said removals. To the committee on Legal Affairs.

Boston, —
Old Colony
boulevard.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 150) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for the construction of Old Colony boulevard in the city of Boston.

Boston, — re-
organisation of
assessing
department.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 180) of Charles S. Lawler that the assessing department of the city of Boston be reorganized.

Charles River
Dam and
Basin, —
distribution of
payments made
by Boston.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 205) of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor of the city of Somerville, for the distribution of certain payments made by the city of Boston in connection with the cost of construction of the Charles River Dam and Basin.

Boston, —
installation of
water meters.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 207) of Charles S. Lawler relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Mental
patients, —
care.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 187) of Katherine A. Fenelon relative to the care of persons suffering from mental diseases. To the committee on Public Institutions.

Light and
power com-
panies, —
securities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 188) of William A. Brade that the issue of notes and other securities by light and power companies be further regulated. To the committee on Public Lighting.

District Court
of Central
Berkshire, —
salaries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 189) of William C. Moulton and others that the salaries of the justice, special justices and clerk of the District Court of Central Berkshire be established. To the committee on Public Service.

Fore River
Shipbuilding
Corporation, —
sale of railroad.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 129) of Frederic B. Greenhalge that the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation be authorized to sell its private railroad to any other railroad corporation. To the committee on Railroads.

District, police
and municipal
courts, — re-
tirement of
justices.
Police depart-
ments, —
pensions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 191) of Frank A. Milliken and others that provision be made for the retirement of justices of district, police and municipal courts.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 192) of James H. Kay, mayor of the city of Fall River, relative to police pensions. Severally to the committee on Social Welfare.

Report of a Committee.

Committee on
Pay-Roll, —
additional
mileage for
certain
members.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, for the committee on Pay-Roll, on orders instructing said committee to make up the pay-roll for the travelling expenses of members of the House, and to investigate the claims of members who consider that the amounts allowed them for travelling expenses are insufficient, that the following order, with the accompanying schedule, ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$460 is due to certain members of the House for compensation

for travel, is approved, and that the same be sent to the Governor and Council.

The order was read; and it was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Clark, and was adopted; and the schedule was signed by the Speaker.

Engrossed Resolve.

An engrossed Resolve to extend the time within which the Commission on Probation may report as to paroles from county jails and houses of correction (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 361) of Samantha Talbot and Delia A. Daly, members of the Oneida tribe of Indians, for a continuance of the annuity allowed to them from the treasury of the Commonwealth, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Resolve granting annuities to Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond of Mashpee (House, No. 1152) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-four minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Dean of Worcester, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, January 22, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, January 22, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— sale of
the steamer
"Lexington."

I am advised that the work for which the Commonwealth's steamer "Lexington" was first constructed has practically disappeared, and that its maintenance involves an expense that is largely useless. The steamer, with slight changes, may be used for the towing of coal, and in order that it may be put to that or some similar use, and that we may save twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) a year, I recommend that the Chief of the District Police be authorized, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to sell the steamer.

The enclosed bill has been drawn by the Attorney General, and I recommend its careful consideration by the Legislature.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message was read; and, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, it was referred, with the accompanying bill, to the joint committee on Ways and Means. (House, No. 1156.) Sent up for concurrence.

Special Report.

Auditor, —
report of
expenditures
in excess of
appropriations.

A special report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, under section 40 of chapter 6 of the Revised Laws, of expenditures of certain institutions and departments in excess of appropriations therefor, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Employees, —
facilities for
warming meals.

Mr. Conroy of Fall River presented a petition of William S. Conroy that certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments be required to provide for their employees facilities for warming meals. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

George W.
Brown of
Newburyport,
— retirement.

Mr. Emery of Newburyport presented a petition of Carl C. Emery that George W. Brown of Newburyport be exempted from certain provisions of law relative to the retirement of teachers in public schools. The same member moved that the

12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. McAllister of Lee presented a petition of John H. McAllister that a close season on raccoon be established. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Raccoon, —
close season.

Mr. McAllister also presented a petition of John H. McAllister that the open season for the hunting of game birds, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits be changed. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Game birds
and game, —
open season.

Mr. Pepin of Salem presented a petition of Walter H. Day and others that the city of Salem be authorized to pension Michael P. Dugan. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Salem, —
Michael P.
Dugan.

Mr. Reardon of Boston presented a petition of William C. Moore and others that the salaries of the officers in attendance upon the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston be established. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Roxbury
municipal
court officers,
— salaries.

Mr. Tarbell of North Brookfield presented a petition of Warren E. Tarbell relative to the reorganization of the State Board of Agriculture and the transfer of its powers and duties to a new board. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State Board of
Agriculture, —
reorganisation.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 200) of James H. Kay, mayor, that the city of Fall River be authorized to engage in the business of distributing fuel to its inhabitants, referred by the Senate to the committee on Cities, was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett, to the committee on Social Welfare. Sent up for concurrence.

Fall River, —
distribution
of fuel.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of John I. Fitzgerald that provision be made for the appointment of deputy license commissioners in the city of Boston. To the committee on Cities.

Boston, —
deputy license
commissioners.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 202) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., relative to waiver by disabled employees or prospective employees of rights to compensation under the workmen's compensation act. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Employees, —
waiver of rights
to compensation
for injuries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 183) of Edward F. McGrady that provision be made for the appointment of inspectors by the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District.

Fire Prevention
Commissioner, —
inspectors.

Boston, —
building
board of
appeal.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 206) of John B. McKenna and another relative to decisions of the board of appeal in the building department of the city of Boston.

Boston, —
building laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 208) of James M. Curley, mayor, relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston.

Hugh Nawn
Contracting
Company.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 209) of Harry P. Nawn that the Commonwealth be authorized to compensate and reimburse the Hugh Nawn Contracting Company.

Neponset river
meadows, —
development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 210) of William J. McDonald that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to develop certain lands owned by the Commonwealth in Boston, Milton and Canton.

Charles River
Reservation, —
highway im-
provement in
Brighton.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 211) of Herbert A. Wilson that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to surface and complete the construction of the road on Charles River Reservation from North Harvard street to Cambridge street in the Brighton district of the city of Boston.

Severally to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Fall River, —
sewer con-
struction.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 184) of James H. Kay, mayor, that the city of Fall River be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of sewer construction. To the committee on Municipal Finance.

Medical schools,
— exemption
from dental
law.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 185) of Katherine A. Fenelon that legally chartered medical schools be exempt from educational restrictions of the dental law.

Cold storage
food products,
— sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 186) of Edward F. McLaughlin for the further regulation of the sale of cold storage food products.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Deputy Bank
Commissioner,
— salary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 218) of Edwin T. McKnight that the salary of Charles W. Levi, Deputy Bank Commissioner, be established.

Fall River
chimer, —
civil service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 219) of Walter E. McLane that the chimers of the city of Fall River may be placed under civil service law.

Bristol county,
— holding of
certain offices.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of Edward F. Thompson and another relative to the holding of certain offices in the county of Bristol.

Assistant
registers of
probate, —
salaries.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221) of Alpheus Sanford that the salaries of assistant registers of probate and insolvency in certain counties be established.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Advertising
signs, —
regulation.
Boston, —
tax limit.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 194) of Frank H. Cady that the use of advertising signs be regulated.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 195) of Charles E. Fay that a tax limit be established for the city of Boston.

Motor vehicles,
— temporary
surtaxes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 222) of H. B. Endicott and others that provision be made for additional revenue by the imposition of temporary surtaxes on motor vehicles and operators thereof.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 223) of Henry H. Bond relative to the taxation of incomes. Incomes, —
taxation.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 197) of Charles S. Lawler relative to the payment of license fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors. To the joint committee on Ways and Means. Liquor
license fees,
— disposition.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Edwin O. Childs and another that the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton be authorized. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1158) was referred to the committee on Cities. Newton, —
John T. Roche.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Michael F. Malone that the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace be confirmed. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1159) was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs. John H.
Meagher of
Worcester.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John V. Kimball and another for a change in the requirements for membership in church corporations. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1160) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Church cor-
porations, —
membership.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Francis A. Campbell relative to the expenses of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1161) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Suffolk
county, —
Superior Court
expenses.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the Resolve (introduced on leave) relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the resolve (House, No. 1162) was referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule. State depart-
ments, —
expenditures.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Facts and
allegations as
to criminal

records, —
publication.

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to preventing the publication of certain facts or allegations relative to individuals, and recommending that the same be referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Boston, —
bridge over
railroad
tracks at
Savin Hill.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 297) of Coleman E. Kelley that the city of Boston be authorized to construct a foot bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in the Savin Hill district of Dorchester.

Conservators
of the prop-
erty of certain
persons.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 389) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the appointment of conservators of the property of aged, weak-minded and unduly influenced persons.

Lincoln's
birthday, —
legal holiday.

By Mr. Gould of Milford, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 128) of Max Henry Newman relative to making the twelfth day of February a legal holiday to be known as Lincoln Day.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Cambridge, —
Ella A.
Lothrop.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, on petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 106, and House, No. 422), a Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Ella A. Lothrop (printed as Senate, No. 106, changed by adding at the end thereof the words " : *provided*, that such acceptance and approval occur prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year").

New Bedford,
— Henry C.
Russell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 109) a Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to pension Henry C. Russell (House, No. 109, changed by adding at the end thereof the words " : *provided*, that such acceptance and approval occur prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year").

New Bedford,
— David A.
Cobb.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 679), a Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to pension David A. Cobb (House, No. 679, changed by adding at the end thereof the words " : *provided*, that such acceptance and approval occur prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year").

Cambridge, —
Elbridge G.
Stevens.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 150), a Bill to authorize the city of Cambridge to pension Elbridge G. Stevens (House, No. 150, changed by striking out, at the end thereof, the word "passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "acceptance by the city council of said city with the approval of the mayor: *provided*, that such acceptance and approval occur prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year").

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Resolve granting annuities to Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond of Mashpee (House, No. 1152) was ^{Orders of the day.} read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At half-past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Nutting of Leominster, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Warner of Taunton had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Warner took the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Leave of Absence.

Fitz-Henry
Smith, Jr.

The Chair announced the receipt of a communication from Representative Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., of Boston, requesting leave of absence for a few days, under Rule 17, because of duties in connection with the United States Shipping Board. There being no objection leave was granted.

Acknowledgment of Resolutions.

Death of Major
Augustus P.
Gardner.

A communication from Mrs. Constance Gardner, dated January 21 and addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, conveying to the General Court her very grateful thanks for the resolutions passed by them on the death of Major Gardner, was read; and the communication was sent to the Senate.

Special and Annual Reports.

County com-
missioners, —
records of
proceedings.

A communication from the Controller of County Accounts, transmitting, under section 18 of chapter 20 of the Revised Laws, copies of the records of the proceedings of the county commissioners of the several counties for the year 1917, was placed on file.

County
receipts and
expenditures
for 1918.

Special and annual reports were referred as follows: —

Annual report of the Controller of County Accounts, under section 27 of chapter 21 of the Revised Laws, submitting estimates of county receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1918 (House, No. 1205). To the committee on Counties.

County
prisoners, —
mental and
physical
instruction.

Report of the Board of Education and the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons, under chapter 59 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the need and facilities for giving mental, manual, physical, military and other instruction to all prisoners in the jails and houses of correction in the several counties (House, No. 1255). To the committee on Education.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Auditor of the
Common-
wealth, — ab-
stract of report.

Annual abstract, under chapter 630 of the acts of 1908, of the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 500). To the committee on Ways and Means.

Order.

The consideration of the following order, offered by Mr. Underhill of Somerville, was postponed until the next session, at the request of that member: —

Ordered, That, in the opinion of the House of Representatives, it would be greatly for the interest of the people of the Commonwealth if the sale of intoxicating liquors should be suspended on those days on which manufacturing and mercantile establishments are closed in accordance with the recent order of the Federal Fuel Administrator; and that the House, recognizing the wisdom of the statute that prohibits the sale of intoxicants on legal holidays, approves efforts making or to be made that will tend to decrease or discontinue such sale on the days specified in the said order of the Federal Fuel Administrator. And be it further

Intoxicating liquors, — suspension of sale when manufacturing and mercantile establishments are closed.

Ordered, That a copy of this order be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Petitions.

Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn presented a petition of William R. Felter and others in aid of the petition of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott; and the same was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

King's beach in Swampscott, — comfort station.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of John L. Donovan that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate Edward L. Kenney as an employee in its penal institutions department. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston, — reinstatement of Edward L. Kenney.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of William C. Johnson relative to the privileges of life insurance companies in assisting the federal government in the sale of Liberty Bonds and other securities. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Life insurance companies, — sale of federal securities.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State of the United States enclosing a copy of a resolution of Congress prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation or importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes (Senate, No. 229), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Message from the Governor, — proposed amendment of the federal constitution establishing national prohibition.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 119) of Henry I. Harriman, president, that the charter of the Boston Chamber of Commerce be amended, which had been referred by the Senate to the joint committee on the Judiciary, and by the

Boston Chamber of Commerce, — charter.

House, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference. The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Boston
Chamber of
Commerce, —
trust fund.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 719) of Harry Hamilton and another that the Boston Chamber of Commerce be authorized to establish a trust fund, which had been referred by the House to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary. The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Soldiers and
sailors, — state
insurance.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of Cornelius Boothman that the Commonwealth purchase certain insurance policies for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States government, which had been referred by the House to the joint committee on Ways and Means, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs. The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. French of Haverhill; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Metropolitan
district, —
transportation
system; Cam-
bridge subway,
— state owner-
ship.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 181) of Charles S. Lawler for the improvement of the transportation system of the metropolitan district and that provision be made for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the Cambridge subway, came down referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the 9th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Milk, — butter
fat contents.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 226) of Gustaf L. Berg that provision be made for the sale of milk under a guaranty as to its butter fat contents, was referred, in concurrence, to the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly.

Reports of Committees.

Town of
Salisbury
Beach, —
proposed
incorporation.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Samuel F. Beckman and others for a division of the town of Salisbury and the incorporation of the town of Salisbury Beach. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1163) was referred to the committee on Towns, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct. Sent up for concurrence.

Inheritance
taxes, —
advance
payments.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill to provide a discount on advance payment of inheritance taxes (printed as Senate, No. 40). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 297) of Coleman E. Kelly that the city of Boston be authorized to construct a foot bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in the Savin Hill district of Dorchester; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 128) of Max Henry Newman relative to making the twelfth day of February a legal holiday to be known as Lincoln Day; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 389) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the appointment of conservators of the property of aged, weak-minded and unduly influenced persons;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of New Bedford to pension Henry C. Russell (House, No. 109, changed);

To authorize the city of Cambridge to pension Elbridge G. Stevens (House, No. 150, changed);

To authorize the city of New Bedford to pension David A. Cobb (House, No. 679, changed); and

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Ella A. Lothrop (printed as Senate, No. 106, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At eighteen minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Ferry of Northbridge (the Speaker having taken the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, January 24, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Debate
limited.

Ordered, That, unless it shall be otherwise ordered, members be limited to ten minutes in speaking to questions before the House, except that the first speaker on each side of a question shall be allowed twenty minutes.

The following order (offered by Mr. Underhill of Somerville), the consideration of which was postponed from the last session, was considered: —

Intoxicating
liquors, — sus-
pension of sale
when manu-
facturing and
mercantile es-
tablishments
are closed.

Ordered, That, in the opinion of the House of Representatives, it would be greatly for the interest of the people of the Commonwealth if the sale of intoxicating liquors should be suspended on those days on which manufacturing and mercantile establishments are closed in accordance with the recent order of the Federal Fuel Administrator; and that the House, recognizing the wisdom of the statute that prohibits the sale of intoxicants on legal holidays, approves efforts making or to be made that will tend to decrease or discontinue such sale on the days specified in the said order of the Federal Fuel Administrator. And be it further

Ordered, That a copy of this order be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the order be referred to the committee on Legal Affairs; and this motion, after further debate, was adopted, by a vote of 101 to 33.

Petitions.

Clarksburg,
— care of
tubercular
patients.

Mr. Bellows of Clarksburg presented a petition of Alton L. Bellows that the town of Clarksburg be reimbursed for money spent in the care of certain tubercular patients. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Arlington fire
department, —
pensioning of
call members.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of said town. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

John C.
Johnston of
Brookline.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of John C. Johnston that his acts as a justice of the peace be confirmed.

The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Whitman of Quincy presented a petition of A. L. Whitman for an extension of the time within which an annuity shall be paid to the widow of J. Walter Cropper. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Widow of
J. Walter
Cropper, —
annuity.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order (substituted for House resolve No. 326, amended), adopted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session: —

Ordered, That the report of the joint special recess committee on the more economical and efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, be received for consideration by the General Court if filed on or before the twenty-sixth day of January.

Joint special
recess com-
mittee, —
report on state
financial affairs.

A report of the joint committee on Ways and Means, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General on the investment and condition of the Land Registration Assurance Fund (House, No. 16), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Land Registra-
tion Assurance
Fund.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 851) of W. Rodman Peabody relative to the taking of land by eminent domain for transmission lines by electric companies, which had been referred by the House to the joint committee on the Judiciary, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Public Lighting. The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Tolman of Gloucester; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Lighting.

Electric
companies, —
taking of land.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 201) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., that provision be made for additional methods of making and securing compensation. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Industrial
accidents, —
methods of
compensation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 215) of George E. Curran that James J. Casey be reinstated in the service of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

James J. Casey,
— reinstate-
ment.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 216) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Bank Commissioner be established.

Bank Com-
missioner, —
salary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 217) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Treasurer and Receiver-General be established.

Treasurer and
Receiver-
General, —
salary.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 230) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to take for public park purposes land lying in the town of Longmeadow,

Springfield, —
taking of land
in Long-
meadow.

came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th and 9th joint rules, to the committee on Cities;

Clarke School
for the Deaf,
— trustees.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 231) of John C. Hammond and others that the number and powers of the trustees of the Clarke School for the Deaf be enlarged, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Education; and

National
Guard property
and disbursing officer,
— expenses.

A petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 232) of Charles F. Sargent and others that provision be made for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Military Affairs;

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rules were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

State
banks.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a part of the recommendations of the Bank Commissioner (House, No. 29), a Bill relative to state banks (House, No. 32).

Holyoke,—
widow of
Michael
Kelleher.

By Mr. Foster of Springfield, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Holyoke to pay an annuity to the widow of Michael Kelleher (printed as Senate, No. 78, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Holyoke,—
Mary Clifford.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Holyoke to pension Mary Clifford (House, No. 425, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Quincy,—
Lawrence
Keegan.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Quincy to pension Lawrence Keegan (House, No. 557, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, severally on a part of the preliminary report of the joint special recess committee on the administration of State finances, with special reference to budget procedure (House, No. 17):

A Bill relative to the expenses of the Executive department (House, No. 1164);
 A Bill to provide for discontinuing the newspaper publication of the general laws (House, No. 1165); and
 A Bill repealing an act to provide for the preservation of certain town records (House, No. 1166).
 Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Executive department,
 — expenses.
 General laws,
 — publication.
 Town records,
 — preservation.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve (introduced on leave) relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1162) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Heads of departments, — expenditures.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to provide a discount on advance payment of inheritance taxes (printed as Senate, No. 40) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

At twenty-six minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Foster of Springfield, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, January 25, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

List of
committees,
— additional
copies.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Provincetown, —

Ordered, That fifteen hundred additional copies of the list of committees for the current year be printed for the use of the members of the General Court.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

King's beach
in Swampscott,
— comfort
station.

Mr. Barry of Lynn presented petitions of Walter P. Fish and others and Frank H. Knight and others, severally in aid of the petition of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott; and the same were referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Members of
the General
Court, —
increased
mileage.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., Alvin E. Bliss and others for an increase in the amount allowed to members of the General Court for travelling expenses. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Lynn, —
Warren H.
McClain.

Mr. Frothingham of Lynn presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Lynn that said city be authorized to pension Warren H. McClain. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

State secur-
ities, — rate
of interest.

A Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued during the current year (printed as House, No. 288, changed) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, House, No. 286), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Bills:

Id.

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for completing the extension of the south metropolitan sewer to the town of Wellesley (printed as House, No. 289);

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to construct a power transmission line between the Wachusett dam and the Sudbury dam (printed as House, No. 290); and

State securities, — rate of interest.

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a water main in the East Boston district of the city of Boston by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (printed as House, No. 291);

Id.

(Severally reported on a part of the recommendations of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, House, No. 286); and

To provide that the second assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Essex may be a woman (Senate, No. 9) (reported on a petition);

Essex county, — woman assistant register of probate.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House Resolve extending the time for the report of the Street Railway Investigation Commission (House, No. 325, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the words "twenty-sixth day of January" (inserted in line 6 by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the words "first day of February" (stricken out by amendment by the House).

Street Railway Investigation Commission, — report.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bunting of Methuen; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, that county treasurers be allowed such clerical assistance and at such compensation as may be approved by their county commissioners.

County treasurers, — clerical assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 213) of Francis Juggins and another for legislation relative to the salaries of the assistant clerks of police, district and municipal courts.

Courts, — salaries of assistant clerks.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 214) of George E. Curran for the establishing of the compensation of certain employees in state institutions.

State institutions, — compensation of employees.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 193) of Silas D. Reed that provision be made for the municipal ownership of the Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway. To the committee on Street Railways.

Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway, — municipal ownership.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 233) of James E. MacPherson relative to the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Legal Affairs; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Persons dying intestate, — distribution of estates.

Reports of Committees.

Metropolitan district, — transportation system; Cambridge subway, — state ownership.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, to whom was referred the motion to suspend the 9th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 181) of Charles S. Lawler for the improvement of the transportation system of the metropolitan district and that provision be made for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the Cambridge subway, — that, in the opinion of the committee, the provisions of the 9th joint rule do not apply, and that the motion to suspend said rule was not necessary. Read and accepted. The motion was then withdrawn, there being no objection; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Salem, — Michael P. Dugan.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Walter H. Day and others that the city of Salem be authorized to pension Michael P. Dugan. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1167) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Springfield, — land for school purposes.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to take land for school purposes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1168) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Boston, — reinstatement of Edward L. Kenney.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John L. Donovan that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate Edward L. Kenney as an employee in its penal institutions department. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1169) was referred to the committee on Cities.

George W. Brown of Newburyport, — retirement.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Carl C. Emery that George W. Brown of Newburyport be exempted from certain provisions of law relative to the retirement of teachers in public schools. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1170) was referred to the committee on Education.

Game birds and game, — open season.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John H. McAllister that the open season for the hunting of game birds, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits be changed. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1171) was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Samuel Rushton, mayor, and others that a police court be established in the city of Methuen. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1172) was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Methuen, —
police court.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition (taken from the files of last year) of J. Warren Moulton relative to reimbursing the town of Rutland for money paid to the town of Berlin for certain state paupers. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1173) was referred to the committee on Public Institutions.

Rutland, —
reimbursement
for care of
paupers.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 151) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for the construction of a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's Corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule, and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Boston, —
tunnel in the
Dorchester
district.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of John B. Cashman relative to the alteration of the Devonshire Street station of the East Boston tunnel in the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule, and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

East Boston
tunnel, —
alteration of
a station.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Thomas M. Joyce for the regulation of the manufacture and sale of bread and to determine the purity thereof. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule, and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Bread, —
manufacture,
sale and purity.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of John H. McAllister that a close season on raccoon be established. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule, and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Raccoon, —
close season.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of James Morrison that the city of Medford be reimbursed for

Medford, —
expenses of
State Guard.

expenses incurred in equipping a company of the State Guard. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule, and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Judges of
probate, —
certain
expenses.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 19) of Raymond A. Hopkins that judges of probate and insolvency be reimbursed for expenses incurred in holding court in counties other than their own. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

State depart-
ments and
activities, —
appropria-
tions.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176).

Chiropodists, —
registration.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 25, and House, No. 451), a Bill to extend the time within which chiropodists may apply for registration with the Board of Registration in Medicine (House, No. 451).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
compensation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition of an act making an appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 1174), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Young, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the joint committee on Ways and Means, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General on the investment and condition of the Land Registration Assurance Fund (House, No. 16), was accepted, in concurrence.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the report of the joint special recess committee on the more economical and efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, be received for consideration by the General Court if filed on or before the twenty-sixth day of January.

Bills:

Relative to state banks (House, No. 32);

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pension Mary Clifford (House, No. 425, changed);

To authorize the city of Quincy to pension Lawrence Keegan (House, No. 557, changed);

Relative to the expenses of the Executive department (House, No. 1164);

To provide for discontinuing the newspaper publication of the general laws (House, No. 1165);

Repealing an act to provide for the preservation of certain town records (House, No. 1166); and

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pay an annuity to the widow of Michael Kelleher (printed as Senate, No. 78, changed); and

The Resolve relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1162);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a discount on advance payment of inheritance taxes (printed as Senate, No. 40) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to pension Henry C. Russell (House, No. 109, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Cambridge to pension Elbridge G. Stevens (House, No. 150, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to pension David A. Cobb (House, No. 679, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Ella A. Lothrop (printed as Senate, No. 106, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, January 28, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual and special reports were severally referred as follows:—
Twenty-sixth annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Pub. Doc. No. 46):

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

So much as relates to authorizing the Secretary to appoint a registrar of vital statistics, to the committee on Administration and Commissions; and

The residue, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), received on January 26, was referred as follows:—

Joint special recess committee, — report on financial affairs of the Commonwealth.

So much as relates to the consolidation of departments, boards and commissions, to the committee on Administration and Commissions;

So much as relates to fees for the examination of titles by the Land Court and to the creation of a judicature commission, to the joint committee on the Judiciary;

So much as relates to the administration of the affairs of, and to the construction of buildings for, state institutions, to the committee on Public Institutions;

So much as relates to the disposition of motor vehicle fees and fines, to the committee on Roads and Bridges;

So much as relates to amending the rules of the General Court and to improving the form and substance of the Manual for the General Court, to the joint committee on Rules; and

The residue, to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The following reports, received at various times from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file:—

Seventy-fourth annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on births, marriages and deaths, returns of libels for divorce and returns of deaths investigated by the medical examiners (Pub. Doc. No. 1).

Births, marriages and deaths, etc.

Eightieth annual report of the Board of Education (Pub. Doc. No. 2).

Board of Education.

Parts I and II of the sixty-fourth annual report of the State Board of Agriculture (Pub. Doc. No. 4).

State Board of Agriculture.

Auditor of the
Common-
wealth.
Adjutant-
General.
Bank Com-
missioner.

Sixty-eighth annual report of the Auditor of the Common-wealth (Pub. Doc. No. 6).

Annual report of the Adjutant-General (Pub. Doc. No. 7).

Part II of the annual report of the Bank Commissioner (Pub. Doc. No. 8) relating to co-operative banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions.

Insurance
Commissioner.

Sixty-second annual report of the Insurance Commissioner relative to fire and marine insurance (Part I of Pub. Doc. No. 9).

Id.

Sixty-second annual report of the Insurance Commissioner relative to life, miscellaneous, assessment and fraternal insurance (Part II of Pub. Doc. No. 9).

Certificates
and returns
of corporations.

Annual abstract, prepared by the Secretary of the Common-wealth, of the certificates of corporations organized under general laws and annual returns required by chapter 110 of the Revised Laws and the business corporation law (Pub. Doc. No. 10).

Public Service
Commission.

Part II of the fourth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14).

State Board
of Charity.

Thirty-eighth annual report of the State Board of Charity (Pub. Doc. No. 17).

Commissioners
on Fisheries
and Game.
District
Police.

Fifty-first annual report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (Pub. Doc. No. 25).

Annual report of the Chief of the District Police (Pub. Doc. No. 32).

Board of Con-
ciliation and
Arbitration.

Annual report of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitra-tion (Pub. Doc. No. 40).

Foxborough
State Hospital.

Twenty-fifth annual report of the trustees of the Foxborough State Hospital (Pub. Doc. No. 47).

Metropolitan
Park Com-
mission.

Twenty-fourth annual report of the Metropolitan Park Com-mission (Pub. Doc. No. 48).

Massachusetts
Highway
Commission.

Twenty-fourth annual report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 54).

Metropolitan
Water and
Sewerage
Board.

Sixteenth annual report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewer-age Board (Pub. Doc. No. 57).

Firemen's
Relief Fund.

Twenty-seventh annual report of the Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund (Pub. Doc. No. 64).

Commissioner
on War
Records.

Annual report of the Commissioner on War Records (Pub. Doc. No. 66).

Gardner State
Colony.

Fourteenth annual report of the trustees of the Gardner State Colony (Pub. Doc. No. 70).

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind.

Tenth annual report of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (Pub. Doc. No. 81).

Metropolitan
districts, —
assessments.

Annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of assess-ments for interest, sinking funds, serial bonds and maintenance of the metropolitan districts for the year 1917 (Pub. Doc. No. 92).

Massachusetts
Training
Schools.

Sixth annual report of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (Pub. Doc. No. 93).

State Board of
Labor and
Industries.

Fourth annual report of the State Board of Labor and Indus-tries (Pub. Doc. No. 104).

Industrial
Accident
Board.

Fourth annual report of the Industrial Accident Board (Pub. Doc. No. 105).

Fire Preven-
tion Commis-
sioner.

Third annual report of the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District (Pub. Doc. No. 107).

First annual report of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (Pub. Doc. No. 115). Bureau of Prisons.

First annual report of the Commission on Mental Diseases (Pub. Doc. No. 117). Commission on Mental Diseases.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, —

Ordered, That there be printed 1,500 additional copies of the Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176). General appropriation bill, — additional copies.

The following order, offered by Mr. Manning of Boston, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate and three members of the House, be appointed to investigate the methods and proceedings of the Boston Fuel Committee, under which coal has been sold or distributed in the city of Boston. The committee shall ascertain how many carloads and how many cargoes of coal have been received by said Boston Fuel Committee, the total quantity of coal sold, the price at which the coal has been sold, and the amount of money received from the sale. The committee shall also ascertain what agents have been employed in the sale and distribution of the coal, and what compensation they received. The committee may give public hearings, shall have authority to administer oaths and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents, and shall be allowed such sums for necessary expenses as shall be approved by the Governor and Council. The committee shall report to the General Court not later than the fifteenth day of February in the current year. Joint special committee, — sale and distribution of coal in the city of Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to defer the retirement of John Baker (printed as House No. 137, changed) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading. John Baker, — retirement.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1046) of George M. Worrall relative to the issuing of policies of insurance against accident or disease, which had been referred by the House to the committee on Social Welfare, came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Insurance. The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance. Accident and sickness insurance.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 228) of Edward N. Dahlborg relative to the disposition of the earnings of co-operative associations and that such associations may reorganize as business corporations with the right to retain their former names. To the joint committee on the Judiciary. Co-operative associations, — disposition of earnings; re-organisation.

Locomotives, — automatic fire doors. — Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Waldo D. Phelps that locomotives operated by steam be equipped with automatic fire doors. To the committee on Railroads.

Wellesley, — administration of town affairs. — Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 224) of J. E. Hills and others relative to the administration of town affairs in the town of Wellesley. To the committee on Towns.

Reports of Committees.

Massachusetts Day. — By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, for the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 299) of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that the first Monday in October be known as Massachusetts Day.

Nahant, — playground and landing on the shore of Lynn harbor. — By Mr. Weston of Newton, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 391) of John H. Cogswell relative to the completion of the playground on the shore of Lynn harbor in the town of Nahant and the construction of a public landing in connection therewith.

Lynn harbor, — improvement. — By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 392) of John H. Cogswell relative to the dredging of certain flats in Lynn harbor and to the development of the uplands in connection therewith.

Boston, — water meter rates in tenement houses. — By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 309) of Coleman E. Kelly that the city of Boston be authorized to reduce water meter rates for tenement houses during the winter months.

Jacob Lander and Harris Lander, — compensation. — By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board relative to the claim of Jacob Lander and Harris Lander of Sherborn for compensation for damage to their property at Saxonville in the town of Framingham by reason of water from a reservoir under the control of said board (House, No. 417).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Cambridge park lands, — metropolitan control. — By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill (taken from the files of last year) authorizing the transfer of certain Cambridge park lands to the care and control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and directing said commission to inquire into the expediency of acquiring such care and control over all other municipal park lands within the metropolitan parks district (House, No. 411) [Messrs. Ammidon of Cambridge and Feinberg of Boston, of the House, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on reference to the next General Court.

Boston, — installation of water meters. — By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston (printed as Senate, No. 207).

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for the location, construction and operation of certain lines of the Hampden Railroad Corporation (House, No. 21, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 3, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall", and by striking out, in line 6, the word "twenty-three", and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-one").

Hampden
Railroad
Corporation.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued during the current year (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 19) of Raymond A. Hopkins that judges of probate and insolvency be reimbursed for expenses incurred in holding court in counties other than their own, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence. Orders of
the day.

Bills:

To extend the time within which chiropodists may apply for registration with the Board of Registration in Medicine (House, No. 451);

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for completing the extension of the south metropolitan sewer to the town of Wellesley (printed as House, No. 289);

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to construct a power transmission line between the Wachusett dam and the Sudbury dam (printed as House, No. 290); and

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a water main in the East Boston district of the city of Boston by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (printed as House, No. 291);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to state banks (House, No. 32);

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pension Mary Clifford (House, No. 425, changed);

To authorize the city of Quincy to pension Lawrence Keegan (House, No. 557, changed);

Relative to the expenses of the Executive department (House, No. 1164);

Repealing an act to provide for the preservation of certain town records (House, No. 1166);

In addition to an act making an appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 1174); and

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pay an annuity to the widow of Michael Kelleher (printed as Senate, No. 78, changed); and

The Resolve relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1162);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Young of Weston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide that the second assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Essex may be a woman (Senate, No. 9) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for discontinuing the newspaper publication of the general laws (House, No. 1165) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-five minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, January 29, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Mr. Craig of Lynn presented a petition of J. Mansfield and others in aid of the petition of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott; and the same was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

King's beach
in Swampscott,
— comfort
station.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington presented a petition of George M. Kline relative to the care of funds of patients in institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Patients in
state institu-
tions, —
care of funds.

*Papers from the Senate.**Bills:*

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to pay the cost of insuring the lives of its residents in war service (Senate, No. 27) (reported on a petition); and

Wellesley, —
insuring lives
of soldiers.

Relative to the inspection of gas (printed as House, No. 272) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, House, No. 271);

Inspection
of gas.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1056) of George S. Fuller that the Treasurer and Receiver-General be authorized to refund income taxes paid by representatives of estates of persons dying prior to January 1, 1917; and

Income tax
payments, —
refunding.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1151) of Edward J. Colman that the executors under the will of Waldo H. Stearns be compensated for an income tax paid under an erroneous levy and assessment;

Will of Waldo
H. Stearns, —
reimbursement
of executors.

Which had severally been referred by the House to the joint committee on Ways and Means, severally came down referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

The House receded from its reference, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline in each instance; and the petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Reports of Committees.

Bail commis-
sioners, —
bonds.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Thomas H. Bates and others that bonds be furnished by bail commissioners.

Flags, —
preservation.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 439) of Coleman E. Kelly relative to preserving the condition and appearance of flags used for public display.

Suffolk
county, —
uniform bail
practice.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 307) of John F. Duffy and others that the practice in criminal bail be made uniform throughout the county of Suffolk.

Blandford
Fire District,
— taxes.

By Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, for the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 89) of Leonard F. Hardy and others that certain persons be relieved of paying the Blandford Fire District taxes.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Everett, —
pensioning of
Lindley R.
Woods.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Everett to pay a pension to Lindley R. Woods (House, No. 823, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Woburn, —
inauguration
of mayor and
aldermen.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to change the time for the inauguration of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Woburn (House, No. 677).

Haverhill, —
pensioning of
Albion M.
Perkins.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to pension Albion M. Perkins (House, No. 818, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Boston, —
Gilbert H.
Smith.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Gilbert H. Smith (House, No. 554).

Brockton, —
term of office
of city
engineer.

By Mr. Austin of Somerville, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the term of office of the city engineer of the city of Brockton (House, No. 675, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Brockton, —
term of office
of collector of
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the term of office of the collector of taxes of the city of Brockton (House, No. 676, changed by striking out sec-

tion 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the payment by the city of Boston of a pension to William E. Staples (House, No. 825).

Boston, —
pension of
William E.
Staples.

By Mr. Bates of Quincy, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Berthold A. Oppenheimer of Springfield as a notary public (printed as Senate, No. 81).

Berthold A.
Oppenheimer
of Springfield.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve confirming the acts of Thomas F. Bergin of Waltham as a justice of the peace (House, No. 438).

Thomas F.
Bergin of
Waltham.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to legalize the conveyance of certain cemetery property in the town of Chatham by the First Congregationalist Parish in said Chatham to the Union Cemetery, a corporation (House, No. 131).

Chatham, —
conveyance
of cemetery
property.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed by adding at the end of section 1 the words "Said corporation shall be exempt from the state income tax levied during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen based on the income of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen on funds held by the executors of said Howard for the benefit of said trust.").

Brockton, —
home for
aged men.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, No. 208), a Bill declaring reports and records of venereal diseases confidential (House, No. 212).

Venereal dis-
eases, —
confiden-
tial reports.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the recommendations of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (House, Nos. 100, 102 and 103), a Bill relative to the acceptance of the provisions of an act of Congress providing that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of rural post roads (House, No. 663).

Rural post
roads, —
federal aid.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (House, Nos. 100, 102 and 103), a Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to expend certain balances of appropriations heretofore made (House, No. 665).

Massachusetts
Highway Com-
mission, —
balances of
appropriations.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 196), a Resolve in favor of Alice Gigger of Chelsea (House, No. 1177).

Alice Gigger
of Chelsea.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 536), a Resolve in favor of Charles F. Pidgin of Brookline (House, No. 1178).

Charles F. Pid-
gin of Brook-
line.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the widow and children of William J. Dolan (House, No. 405).

Family of
William J.
Dolan.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Fish and
game exhibi-
tions.

By Mr. Bennett of Springfield, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34), a Resolve providing for exhibitions and other means of increasing public interest in the protection of fish and game (House, No. 35, changed by striking out, in line 3, the words "nine hundred and eighty-five").

District
Police, —
loss of wages.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Resolve authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse certain persons for loss of wages (House, No. 349).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Resolves.

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves
passed.

Extending the time for the report of the Street Railway Investigation Commission; and

Granting annuities to Sarah B. Pocknett and Rebecca C. Hammond of Mashpee;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 299) of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that the first Monday in October be known as Massachusetts Day;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 391) of John H. Cogswell relative to the completion of the playground on the shore of Lynn harbor in the town of Nahant and the construction of a public landing in connection therewith; and

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board relative to the claim of Jacob Lander and Harris Lander of Sherborn for compensation for damage to their property at Saxonville in the town of Framingham by reason of water from a reservoir under the control of said board (House, No. 417);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend the time within which chiropodists may apply for registration with the Board of Registration in Medicine (House, No. 451) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for completing the extension of the south metropolitan sewer to the town of Wellesley (printed as House, No. 289);

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a power transmission line between the Wachusett dam and the Sudbury dam (printed as House, No. 290) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a water main in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 291) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out paragraph 66, as follows: "For personal services in the preparation of copy for the publication of the province laws, a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred dollars." After further debate this amendment was rejected.

Mr. Mulveny of Fall River moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out paragraphs 119, 130 and 135 (providing for the pensions of retired justices); and this amendment, after debate, was rejected.

Mr. Collins then moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out paragraph 271, as follows: "For maintenance and operation of the police steamer 'Lotis,' a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars." After debate this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Newhall of Stoneham moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out paragraph 297, as follows: "For allowances and expenses in connection with the examination of recruits of the state guard, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars." After debate this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in paragraph 325, the words "two million", and inserting in place thereof the words "one million five hundred thousand". After debate this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out paragraphs 412 and 413 (relative to the publication of a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion); and this amendment, after debate, was rejected.

Mr. Kiernan of Wareham moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in paragraph 488, the words "fifty thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "thirty-nine thousand six hundred forty-six".

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved the previous question; and this motion prevailed.

The amendment moved by Mr. Kiernan was then adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At thirteen minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Blague of Springfield, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, January 30, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Report.

Statistics
of municipal
finances.

The tenth annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics on the statistics of municipal finances (Pub. Doc. No. 79), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Homestead
Commission,
— annual
report.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of Henry Sterling that 500 additional copies of the annual report of the Homestead Commission be printed. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Fourth
District
Court of
Plymouth,
— salaries.

Mr. Haskins of Middleborough presented a petition of Luke F. Kelly and others relative to the salaries of the justice, special justices and clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

Ammonia and
refrigerating
plants.

On motion of Mr. Babb of Boston the petition of J. A. Nash relative to the construction, equipment and operation of ammonia and refrigerating plants, was taken from the files of last year. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

School
janitors, —
retirement.

On motion of Mr. Dunkle of Boston the petition of John F. Carr for the retirement of janitors of public schools in cities and towns, was taken from the files of last year. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Co-operative
banks, —
loans on
certain
mortgages.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of W. R. Landers that co-operative banks may loan matured share funds in first mortgages on real estate subject to certain limitations; and

Taxes and
assessments, —
partial pay-
ments.

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 319) of Charles M. Carroll

relative to allowing the payment of partial payments of taxes and assessments;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 235) of James F. Cavanagh that employees be compensated for sickness resulting from their employment, was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Employees, —
compensation
for sickness.

Resolutions relative to the welfare of soldiers (Senate, No. 236) came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Federal Relations; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Army camps, —
welfare of
soldiers.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition (taken from the files of last year) of Everett R. Prout that the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons be established as a separate department. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1179) was referred to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Board of
Parole, —
separate
department.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Warren E. Tarbell relative to the reorganization of the State Board of Agriculture and the transfer of its powers and duties to a new board. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1183) was referred to the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly.

State Board of
Agriculture, —
reorganization.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor of the city of Lynn that said city be authorized to pension Warren H. McClain. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1184) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Lynn, —
Warren H.
McClain.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William C. Johnson relative to the privileges of life insurance companies in assisting the federal government in the sale of Liberty Bonds and other securities. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1187) was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Life insur-
ance com-
panies, — sale
of federal
securities.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William S. Conroy that certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments be re-

Employees, —
facilities
for warming
meals.

quired to provide for their employees facilities for warming meals. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1188) was referred to the committee on Labor.

John C.
Johnston of
Brookline.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John C. Johnston that his acts as a justice of the peace be confirmed. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1189) was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Clarksburg,
— care of
tubercular
patients.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Alton L. Bellows that the town of Clarksburg be reimbursed for money spent in the care of certain tubercular patients. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) was referred to the committee on Public Institutions.

Members of
the General
Court, —
increased
mileage.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., Alvin E. Bliss and others for an increase in the amount allowed to members of the General Court for travelling expenses. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1191) was referred to the joint committee on Rules.

Arlington fire
department, —
pensioning of
call members.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of said town. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1192) was referred to the committee on Social Welfare.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Springfield, —
taking
of land in
Longmeadow.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th and 9th joint rules on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 230) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to take for public park purposes land lying in the town of Longmeadow. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th and 9th joint rules were severally suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Cities, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Clarke School
for the Deaf,
— trustees.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the sus-

pension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 231) of John C. Hammond and others that the number and powers of the trustees of the Clarke School for the Deaf be enlarged. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Joshua Wilson and others that the charter of the Red Cross Hospital Association be revived. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Red Cross Hospital Association, — charter.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the House should not concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 233) of James E. MacPherson relative to the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Persons dying intestate, — distribution of estates.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 108) of John I. Fitzgerald for an extension of the time for the listing of voters in the city of Boston.

Boston, — listing of voters.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 430) of Cornelius Boothman that party designations in municipal elections in the town of Adams be abolished and that primary elections and caucuses in said town be abolished.

Adams, — party designations, etc.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 113) of Roland D. Sawyer for the nomination of candidates by caucuses and conventions in the absence of petitions for the holding of primary elections.

Candidates, — nomination by caucuses and conventions.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 300) of Robert B. Martin that voting be made compulsory and that elections, primaries and methods of electioneering be further regulated.

Compulsory voting, etc.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 171) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that time for voting be allowed to employees of certain establishments.

Employees, — allowance of time for voting.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 433) of James W. Marchant relative to reducing, for the period of the war, the length of lobsters which may legally be taken.

Taking of lobsters, — legal length.

Hugh Nawn
Contracting
Company.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 209) of Harry P. Nawn that the Commonwealth be authorized to compensate and reimburse the Hugh Nawn Contracting Company.

Teachers'
Retirement
Board, —
payments.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Social Welfare, no legislation necessary, on the annual statement of the Teachers' Retirement Board of the amount expended by cities and towns in the payment of pensions previous to the first day of last July (House, No. 15).

School
janitors, —
pensions.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 544) of Edwin H. Newell relative to providing pensions for janitors of schoolhouses and public buildings.

Quarantined
persons, —
compensation.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Charles A. Kelley that provision be made for compensating persons who are prevented from working by being quarantined.

Metropolitan
employees, —
state retire-
ment fund.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 39) of Frank Freeman, secretary of the Park Employees Union, that laborers and others in the metropolitan service be excused from making contributions to the state retirement fund.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Norfolk
county, —
land for
registry in
Dedham.
Norfolk
county, —
land for a
hospital.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill relative to the purchase of land by the county of Norfolk for the registry of deeds in Dedham (House, No. 483).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk to sell certain land in Randolph and to purchase land in Braintree for a hospital for tuberculous patients (House, No. 484, changed by striking out, in line 9, the words "situated in the town of Braintree", and inserting in place thereof the word "elsewhere").

Frederick G.
Coker, —
retirement.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to the retirement of Frederick G. Coker (House, No. 558).

Motor
vehicles, —
lights.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a part of the recommendations of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (House, Nos. 100 and 101) and on a petition, a Bill relative to lights on motor vehicles (House, No. 402).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State Depart-
ment of Health,
— report on use
of water from
the Ipswich
river.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, for the committee on Water Supply, on a preliminary report of the State Department of Health (House, No. 18), a Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on the use of water from the Ipswich river. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Thomas H. Bates and others that bonds be furnished by bail commissioners; Orders of
the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 307) of John F. Duffy and others that the practice in criminal bail be made uniform throughout the county of Suffolk; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 439) of Coleman E. Kelly relative to preserving the condition and appearance of flags used for public display;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 309) of Coleman E. Kelly that the city of Boston be authorized to reduce water meter rates for tenement houses during the winter months; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 89) of Leonard F. Hardy and others that certain persons be relieved of paying the Blandford Fire District taxes;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the transfer of certain Cambridge park lands to the care and control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and directing said commission to inquire into the expediency of acquiring such care and control over all other municipal park lands within the metropolitan parks district (House, No. 411) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Bills:

To extend the time for the location, construction and operation of certain lines of the Hampden Railroad Corporation (House, No. 21, changed);

To incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed);

To legalize the conveyance of certain cemetery property in the town of Chatham by the First Congregationalist Parish in said Chatham to the Union Cemetery, a corporation (House, No. 131);

Declaring reports and records of venereal diseases confidential (House, No. 212);

To authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Gilbert H. Smith (House, No. 554);

Relative to the acceptance of the provisions of an act of Congress providing that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of rural post roads (House, No. 663);

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to expend certain balances of appropriations heretofore made (House, No. 665);

Relative to the term of office of the city engineer of the city of Brockton (House, No. 675, changed);

Relative to the term of office of the collector of taxes of the city of Brockton (House, No. 676, changed);

To change the time of the inauguration of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Woburn (House, No. 677);

To authorize the city of Haverhill to pension Albion M. Perkins (House, No. 818, changed);

Relative to the payment by the city of Boston of a pension to William E. Staples (House, No. 825);

Relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston (printed as Senate, No. 207);

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to pay the cost of insuring the lives of its residents in war service (Senate, No. 27); and

Relative to the inspection of gas (printed as House, No. 272); and

Resolves:

In favor of the widow and children of William J. Dolan (House, No. 405);

Confirming the acts of Thomas F. Bergin of Waltham as a justice of the peace (House, No. 438);

In favor of Alice Gigger of Chelsea (House, No. 1177); and

To confirm the acts of Berthold A. Oppenheimer of Springfield as a notary public (printed as Senate, No. 81);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide that the second assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Essex may be a woman (Senate, No. 9) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 392) of John H. Cogswell relative to the dredging of certain flats in Lynn harbor and to the development of the uplands in connection therewith, was considered; and, pending the question on the acceptance of the report, the petition was referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on motion of Mr. Craig of Lynn. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to defer the retirement of John Baker (printed as House, No. 137, changed) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the city of Everett to pay a pension to Lindley R. Woods (House, No. 823, changed) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 91 to 6.

The Resolve in favor of Charles F. Pidgin of Brookline (House, No. 1178) was read a second time; and after debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended, in sec-

tion 2, by striking out, in paragraph 325 (as amended), the words "one million five hundred thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "two million".

After debate Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that, unless a vote be sooner reached, debate be closed at four o'clock; and this motion prevailed.

After further debate the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was adopted.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in paragraph 42, the words "thirty-three thousand six hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-nine thousand".

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House voted to close debate at four o'clock; and this motion prevailed. On the recurring question the motion to close debate was negatived.

After further debate the amendment moved by Mr. Greenwood was rejected, by a vote of 5 to 98.

Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in paragraph 488 (as amended), the words "thirty-nine thousand six hundred forty-six", and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty thousand".

After debate (the Speaker having resumed the chair) Mr. Burr of Boston moved the previous question; and this motion prevailed.

The amendment moved by Mr. Smith was then adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-five minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wall of Worcester, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, January 31, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood, —

Precept for
an election.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept giving notice that a vacancy exists in the Fourth Norfolk Representative District, and appointing a time for an election to fill said vacancy.

Petitions.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac presented a petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the town of Salisbury in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Boston, —
widow of
Joseph C.
Reiser.

Mr. Burke of Boston presented a petition of Frank J. Burke that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Menemsha
pond, —
fisheries.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown presented a petition of L. L. Vanderhoop and others relative to taking fish from Menemsha pond in the towns of Gay Head and Chilmark. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Employers of
minors, —
information
for parents.

Mr. Winchester of Boston presented a petition of George Horenstein and another that employers of minors be required to furnish certain information to parents. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Metropolitan
district, —
transportation
service.

A report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 322 and 323) of Charles A. Ufford relative to providing for improved freight and passenger transportation in the metropolitan district and the appointment of a metropolitan transit commission, and recom-

mending that the same be referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21) of Michael D. Collins, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that annual vacations of two weeks be granted certain employees of the Metropolitan Park Commission;

Metropolitan employees, — vacations and wages.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 35) of M. F. O'Brien, president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a minimum wage for laborers in the metropolitan service be established; and

Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 340) of Pearl H. Snow and others relative to permitting fishing in Lake Cochituate; and

Lake Cochituate, — fisheries.

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District (House, No. 269);

Fire Prevention Commissioner, — recommendations.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders for the next session.

A Resolution endorsing the raising of funds for the rebuilding of the devastated cities, towns and villages of France (Senate, No. 238) (new draft of resolutions reported on a petition accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 190), adopted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

France, — rebuilding of devastated cities, towns and villages.

A Bill to authorize savings banks to make payments at branch offices on account of deposits (Senate, No. 100); and

Savings banks, — payments at branch offices.

A Resolve further extending the time for the report of the special commission on agricultural education and development (Senate, No. 90, changed);

Agricultural education and development, — report.

(Severally reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Joseph McGrath for a referendum in the city of Boston on the question of fixing the five-cent fare limit on the lines of the Boston Elevated Railway Company. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Boston, — referendum on five-cent fare limit.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Cities, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 826) of Francis B. McKinney

Boston, — surface drain in Brighton.

that the city of Boston be authorized to maintain a surface drain in Shepherd brook in the Brighton district in said city, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Credit unions,
— supervision.

By Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg, for the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 170) of James M. Curley that provision be made for the supervision of credit unions [Mr. McGrath of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Newton, —
vacations for
employees.

By Mr. Austin of Somerville, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 381) of the Newton Municipal Employees Union relative to vacations for laborers and other employees of the city of Newton.

Cambridge, —
board of
election com-
missioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 820) of George H. Jennings for the establishment of a board of election commissioners for the city of Cambridge and defining their powers and duties.

Hull, —
taxation of
metropolitan
property.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of John Smith and others that the town of Hull be authorized to tax property held in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission from which revenue is received.

Shores of
Salem harbor,
— state road.

By Mr. Nelson of Worcester, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the construction of a shore road along the shores of Salem harbor from Palmer's cove into the town of Marblehead (House, No. 12).

Boston and
Brockton, —
state highway
connection.

By Mr. Baker of Marlborough, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the expediency of constructing a state highway connecting the cities of Boston and Brockton by way of Milton, Quincy, Braintree and Holbrook (House, No. 13).

State high-
ways and
other ways, —
sidewalks.

By Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the maintenance by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of sidewalks along state highways and state-aided ways.

Street railway
employees, —
hours of labor.

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, for the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Edward A. Raleigh and others relative to the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 792) of Fred H. Smith for a suspension of the law regulating the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies.

Electric
passenger cars,
— heating.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Peter I. Adams relative to the heating of electric passenger cars.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a resolve introduced on leave (House, No. 376) and on a special report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, a Bill making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen (House, No. 1193).

Appropriations
for deficiencies.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to provide for a commission to hold and manage the high school stadium and athletic field for the city of Haverhill (House, No. 819).

Haverhill, —
high school
stadium and
athletic field.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to change the time of the holding of preliminary elections in the city of Methuen (House, No. 952, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Methuen, —
preliminary
elections.

By Mr. Foster of Springfield, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Pittsfield to pension Jason N. Shepardson (House, No. 328, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Pittsfield, —
pension for
Jason N.
Shepardson.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 330, changed by adding the following section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Pittsfield, —
treasurer and
collector of
taxes.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to extend Parkland avenue to Québec street through Pine Grove Cemetery (House, No. 478, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Lynn, —
extension of
Parkland
avenue.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Quincy (House, No. 379).

Quincy, —
Saturday half-
holidays for
employees.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Florence J. Donoghue (House, No. 680, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the

Boston, —
widow of
Florence J.
Donoghue.

Pleasant bay
in Orleans, —
fisheries.

provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.”).

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a petition, a Bill to permit the dragging for flounders by the beam or otter trawl in Pleasant bay in the town of Orleans (House, No. 408).

Springfield
fire chief, —
civil service.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to place the chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws (House, No. 518, changed in section 2 by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “the city council of the said city with the approval of the mayor”, and inserting in place thereof the words “a majority of the voters of the city of Springfield voting thereon at the state election in the current year”).

Bridgewater,
— sewer
taxes.

By Mr. Brunell of Webster, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Bridgewater to collect sewer taxes (House, No. 655).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Inmates of
penal institu-
tions, —
physical
examination.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, Nos. 208 to 213, inclusive), a Bill to provide for the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (House, No. 210).

State Depart-
ment of
Health, —
analysts and
chemists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, Nos. 208 to 213, inclusive), a Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211) [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, and Mr. James W. Hayes of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for completing the extension of the south metropolitan sewer to the town of Wellesley;

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a power transmission line between the Wachusett dam and the Sudbury dam; and

Relative to the interest on bonds issued for the construction of a water main in the East Boston district of the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

Orders of
the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 108) of John I. Fitzgerald for an extension of the time for the listing of voters in the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 171) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that time for voting be allowed to employees of certain establishments;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 113) of Roland D. Sawyer for the nomination of candidates by caucuses and conventions in the absence of petitions for the holding of primary elections;

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 433) of James W. Marchant relative to reducing, for the period of the war, the length of lobsters which may legally be taken;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 209) of Harry P. Nawn that the Commonwealth be authorized to compensate and reimburse the Hugh Nawn Contracting Company;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, no legislation necessary, on the annual statement of the Teachers' Retirement Board of the amount expended by cities and towns in the payment of pensions previous to the first day of last July (House, No. 15);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 39) of Frank Freeman, secretary of the Park Employees Union, that laborers and others in the metropolitan service be excused from making contributions to the state retirement fund; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 544) of Edwin H. Newell relative to providing pensions for janitors of school-houses and public buildings;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 29) of W. R. Landers that co-operative banks may loan matured share funds in first mortgages on real estate subject to certain limitations; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 319) of Charles M. Carroll relative to allowing the payment of partial payments of taxes and assessments;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to lights on motor vehicles (House, No. 402);

Relative to the purchase of land by the county of Norfolk for the registry of deeds in Dedham (House, No. 483); and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk to sell certain land in Randolph and to purchase land in Braintree for a hospital for tuberculous patients (House, No. 484, changed); and

The Resolve relative to the retirement of Frederick G. Coker (House, No. 558);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To extend the time for the location, construction and operation of certain lines of the Hampden Railroad Corporation (House, No. 21, changed);

To legalize the conveyance of certain cemetery property by the First Congregationalist Parish in the town of Chatham (House, No. 131) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Gilbert H. Smith (House, No. 554);

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to expend certain balances of appropriations heretofore made (House, No. 665);

Relative to the term of office of the city engineer of the city of Brockton (House, No. 675, changed);

Relative to the term of office of the collector of taxes of the city of Brockton (House, No. 676, changed);

To change the time of the inauguration of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Woburn (House, No. 677);

To authorize the city of Haverhill to pension Albion M. Perkins (House, No. 818, changed);

Relative to the payment by the city of Boston of a pension to William E. Staples (House, No. 825); and

Relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston (printed as Senate, No. 207); and

Resolves:

In favor of the widow and children of William J. Dolan (House, No. 405);

To confirm the acts of Thomas F. Bergin of Waltham as a justice of the peace (House, No. 438) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

In favor of Alice Gigger of Chelsea (House, No. 1177);

In favor of Charles F. Pidgin of Brookline (House, No. 1178); and

To confirm the acts of Berthold A. Oppenheimer of Springfield as a notary public (printed as Senate, No. 81);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to pay the cost of insuring the lives of its residents in war service (Senate, No. 27);

To defer the retirement of John Baker (printed as House, No. 137, changed); and

Relative to the inspection of gas (printed as House, No. 272);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 300) of Robert B. Martin that voting be made compulsory and that elections, primaries and methods of electioneering be further regulated, was considered; and after debate it was accepted, by a vote of 82 to 14. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 430) of Cornelius Boothman that party designations in municipal elections in the town of Adams be abolished and that primary elections and caucuses in said town be abolished, was considered.

Mr. Boothman of Adams moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to elections in the town of Adams (House, No. 430).

After debate Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until to-morrow, first in the orders of the day.

Mr. Boothman moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next.

The question was put on the latter motion, that motion taking precedence, under the rule; and the same prevailed.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Charles A. Kelley that provision be made for compensating persons who are prevented from working by being quarantined, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Everett to pay a pension to Lindley R. Woods (House, No. 823, changed) was read a third time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Everett, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to pay to Lindley R. Woods, formerly superintendent of the water department of said city, an annual sum not to exceed six hundred dollars, in equal monthly payments of fifty dollars, the pension to begin with the first day of March in the current year."

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At seven minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Daggett of Somerville, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, February 1, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bills Ordered Reprinted.

On motion of Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner the following bills, accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons, were ordered reprinted: —

State Prison,
— paroles.

Bill relative to the release of prisoners from the State Prison on parole (House, No. 57);

Paroles and
pardons,
information.
County insti-
tutions, —
paroles.

Bill relative to authority to require production of information (House, No. 58);

Transferred
prisoners.

Bill relative to parole from county institutions (House, No. 59); and

Bill to define the authority of the Board of Parole in the matter of transferred prisoners (House, No. 60).

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Committee on
Military
Affairs, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Chelsea, on or before February 20.

Reports:

Street railway
companies, —
shelters and
stations.

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of David J. Maloney that street railway companies provide shelters or stations at terminals and transfer points; and

Needham, —
Saturday half-
holiday for
employees.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 56) of A. L. Moriarty, vice president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a Saturday half-holiday be granted to certain laborers employed by the town of Needham.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Boston Transit
Commission, —
transfer of
employees.

A Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Boston fire
department, —
William F.
Johnson.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Edward F. McLaughlin that William F. Johnson be reinstated as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 242) of John F. Greene of Cambridge for reinstatement as a member of the police force of said city.

Cambridge police department, — John F. Greene.

Severally to the committee on Cities.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William J. Donahoe that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to build a new bridge over the Charles river between the cities of Boston and Cambridge at Western avenue. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Charles river, — new bridge between Boston and Cambridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William J. Donahoe that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to build a new bridge over the Charles river between the city of Boston and the town of Watertown at Western avenue. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Charles river, — new bridge between Boston and Watertown.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ police officers for temporary service (printed as Senate, No. 153). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Metropolitan Park Commission, — temporary police.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill to provide that the second assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Essex may be a woman (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 170) of James M. Curley that provision be made for the supervision of credit unions;

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 381) of the Newton Municipal Employees Union relative to vacations for laborers and other employees of the city of Newton;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 820) of George H. Jennings for the establishment of a board of election commissioners for the city of Cambridge and defining their powers and duties;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of John Smith and others that the town of Hull be authorized to tax property held in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission from which revenue is received;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, no legislation necessary:

On the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the construction of a shore road along the shores of Salem harbor from Palmer's cove into the town of Marblehead (House, No. 12); and

On the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the expediency of constructing a state highway connecting the cities of Boston and Brockton by way of Milton, Quincy, Braintree and Holbrook (House, No. 13);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the maintenance by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of sidewalks along state highways and state-aided ways;

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Edward A. Raleigh and others relative to the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 792) of Fred H. Smith for a suspension of the law regulating the hours of labor of employees of street railway companies; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Peter I. Adams relative to the heating of electric passenger cars;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21) of Michael D. Collins, secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that annual vacations of two weeks be granted certain employees of the Metropolitan Park Commission;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 35) of M. F. O'Brien, president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a minimum wage for laborers in the metropolitan service be established; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 340) of Pearl H. Snow and others relative to permitting fishing in Lake Cochituate; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District (House, No. 269);

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolution endorsing the raising of funds for the rebuilding of the devastated cities, towns and villages of France (Senate, No. 238) was adopted, in concurrence, as follows: —

Whereas, There is a movement now in progress to have citizens of cities and towns of the United States by voluntary subscription create a fund to rebuild devastated cities, towns and villages in France as a mark of America's gratitude for the assistance France gave to us in our struggle for independence; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court, representing the sentiment of patriotic citizens of Massachusetts, endorses the movement.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Pittsfield to pension Jason N. Shepardson (House, No. 328, changed);

To amend the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 330, changed);

Relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Quincy (House, No. 379);

To permit the dragging for flounders by the beam or otter trawl in Pleasant bay in the town of Orleans (House, No. 408);

To authorize the city of Lynn to extend Parkland avenue to Quebec street through Pine Grove Cemetery (House, No. 478, changed);

To place the chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws (House, No. 518, changed);

To authorize the town of Bridgewater to collect sewer taxes (House, No. 655);

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Florence J. Donoghue (House, No. 680, changed);

To provide for a commission to hold and manage the high school stadium and athletic field for the city of Haverhill (House, No. 819);

To change the time of the holding of preliminary elections in the city of Methuen (House, No. 952, changed);

Making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen (House, No. 1193); and

To authorize savings banks to make payments at branch offices on account of deposits (Senate, No. 100); and

The Resolve further extending the time for the report of the special commission on agricultural education and development (Senate, No. 90, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed);

Relative to lights on motor vehicles (House, No. 402);

Relative to the purchase of land by the county of Norfolk for a registry of deeds in Dedham (House, No. 483) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk to sell certain land in the town of Randolph (House, No.

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484, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

The Resolve relative to the retirement of Frederick G. Coker (House, No. 558);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

At twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Moran of Mansfield, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, February 4, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special and Annual Reports.

A special report of the Public Service Commission, under section 14 of chapter 373 of the special acts of 1917, relative to the finances and operating methods of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and to the advisability of repealing section 10 of chapter 500 of the acts of 1897 which established a five-cent fare for twenty-five years on the lines operated by said company (House, No. 1240), was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Public Service Commission.
— report on finances, operating methods and fares of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally referred, as follows:—

Annual compilation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of information submitted by the Commissioner of Corporations relative to voluntary associations owning or controlling public service corporations (Pub. Doc. No. 101). To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Voluntary associations,
— annual returns.

Abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14):

Public Service Commission.

So much as relates to the supervision of telephone and telegraph companies, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs;

Telephone and telegraph companies.

So much as relates to street railway companies, to the committee on Street Railways;

Street railway companies.

So much as relates to railroad corporations, to the committee on Railroads; and

Railroad corporations.

The residue, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Document Ordered Printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunkle of Boston 500 copies of the report of the special board appointed, under chapter 90 of the resolves of 1916, to investigate the subject of physical training for boys and girls in the public schools and to recommend a system for improving their physical, moral and mental qualities and providing the Commonwealth with an adequate basis for a citizen soldiery (House, No. 1663 of 1917), were ordered printed.

Public schools,
— physical training;
citizen soldiery.

Petitions.

Mr. Baldwin of Brookline presented a petition of Henry L. Higginson that the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by soldiers and sailors be authorized under certain condi-

Lord's Day,
— sports by soldiers and sailors.

tions. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Telephone and
telegraph
companies, —
valuation of
property.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of William D. T. Trefry and another relative to the valuation of the property of telephone and telegraph companies. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw:

Operators of
motor vehicles,
— examination.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that examination of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be required;

Traffic officers
at crossings,
— light.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 51) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that light be thrown on traffic officers at street crossings; and

Motor vehicles,
— spot-lights.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, relative to the use of spot-lights on motor vehicles; and

Mary A.
Phillips, —
pension.

Of the joint committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 321) of Mary A. Phillips that the amount of the pension paid her by the Commonwealth be increased;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Revere police
department, —
Clair P.
Chainey.

To provide for the reinstatement of Clair P. Chainey in the Revere police department (Senate, No. 101, changed) (reported on a petition); and

Co-operative
banks, — bor-
rowers in war
service.

To permit co-operative banks to suspend certain mortgage payments by borrowers engaged in war service (Senate, No. 239) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 99);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Men engaged
in agriculture,
— classification
under selective
service act.

Resolutions relative to the classification of men engaged in agriculture under the federal selective service act (Senate, No. 243) came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Federal Relations; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William C. Moore and others that the salaries of the officers in attendance upon the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston be established. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Roxbury
municipal
court officers,
— salaries.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition (taken from the files of last year) of John F. Carr for the retirement of janitors of public schools in cities and towns. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

School
janitors, —
retirement.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 95) of Julius Garst that the Public Service Commission investigate the feasibility of utilizing for transportation and other purposes the water power of New England.

Utilization of
water power, —
investigation.

By Mr. Dow of Beverly, for the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund (House, No. 6).

Massachusetts
School Fund.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Board of Education relative to the need of a state normal school in the southeastern district of Massachusetts (House, No. 418).

Southeastern
Massachusetts,
— state normal
school.

By Mr. Gould of Milford, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the price to be paid in the sale of Liberty Bonds.

Liberty Bonds,
— price.

By Mr. Browne of Cambridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 985) of Alfred Ray Mitchell for the appointment of justices of the peace as bail commissioners.

Justices of the
peace, — bail
commissioners.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 871) of Francis B. McKinney that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to establish and maintain a public boat landing on the Charles river in the Brighton district of the city of Boston.

Brighton district of Boston,
— public boat
landing.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 132) of John A. Hirsch that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to complete the Dedham parkway.

Dedham
parkway, —
completion.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Sen-

Charles River
Reservation,
— completion

of a road in
Brighton.

ate, No. 211) of Herbert A. Wilson that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to surface and complete the construction of the road on Charles River Reservation from North Harvard street to Cambridge street in the Brighton district of the city of Boston.

Everett, — land
for metropolitan
park
purposes.

By Mr. Benton of Belmont, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 999) of Fred P. Greenwood that the Metropolitan Park Commission be directed to investigate and report as to the advisability and cost of acquiring for park purposes certain land in the city of Everett.

Stoneham and
Wakefield, —
metropolitan
parkway.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 74) of the selectmen of the town of Stoneham that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct a parkway from said town through Quannapowitt parkway in the town of Wakefield.

Boston, —
Old Colony
boulevard.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 150) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for the construction of Old Colony boulevard in the city of Boston.

Maria J.
Mutch, —
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1117) of Maria J. Mutch for compensation for board, care and nursing of an employee of the Metropolitan Park Commission injured in the discharge of duty.

Winthrop
parkway in
Revere, —
extension.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 393) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct an extension of Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere.

Revere and
Winthrop, —
metropolitan
parkway.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 394) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to complete the acquirement of land for a parkway from Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere to Winthrop Shore Reservation.

Furnace Brook
parkway in
Quincy, —
completion.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the advisability of extending Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy and of resurfacing a portion of said parkway (House, No. 373).

Somerville, —
metropolitan
drain for Med-
ford street.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of the mayor of the city of Somerville that provision be made for draining surface water from Medford street in said city.

Revere Beach
boulevard, —
one-way street.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 996) of Augustine Airola that the Revere Beach boulevard be made a one-way street between Eliot circle and Revere street in the city of Revere.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Martin R. Lane that the chief of police of the city of Beverly be placed under the civil service laws.

Beverly chief of police, — civil service.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 454) of Fred P. Greenwood that persons in the military or naval service of the United States shall not lose their civil service ratings.

Soldiers and sailors, — civil service ratings.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55) of Charles A. Frazer and another relative to duties of assessors in connection with tax sales.

Assessors, — tax sales.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 649) of Frederick T. Fuller relative to the exemption of certain incomes from taxation and for the imposition of a moderate tax upon incomes derived from certain other sources.

Incomes, — taxation and exemptions.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvements of certain lands given to the Commonwealth by the town of Arlington and of Mystic Valley parkway in the vicinity thereof (House, No. 368) be referred to the next General Court.

Arlington park lands, — improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in the town of Winchester (House, No. 369) be referred to the next General Court.

Aberjona river in Winchester, — sanitary improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve (taken from the files of last year) directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to improve Hillcrest parkway in the town of Winchester (House, No. 370) be referred to the next General Court.

Hillcrest parkway in Winchester, — improvement.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the Woburn parkway (House, No. 413) be referred to the next General Court.

Woburn parkway — completion.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) relative to the construction of a boulevard from Melrose to Saugus (House, No. 414) be referred to the next General Court.

Melrose and Saugus, — metropolitan boulevard.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to construct the West Roxbury parkway in the city of Boston (House, No. 412) be referred to the next General Court.

West Roxbury parkway, — construction.

Charles river
in Newton
and Waltham,
— sanitary
improvement.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to take certain measures for the protection of the public health in and along the Charles river in the cities of Newton and Waltham (House, No. 540) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

Massachusetts
Charitable
Eye and Ear
Infirmary.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 660), a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (House, No. 1196).

New England
Industrial
School for
Deaf Mutes.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 534), a Resolve in favor of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes (House, No. 1199).

Norwood, —
temporary
loans.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Norwood to refund certain temporary loans (House, No. 449).

Cambridge, —
payment of
certain bills.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Cambridge to pay certain bills contracted by city officials in excess of appropriations (House, No. 397).

Married
persons, —
taxation of
income.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill to restrict the granting of exemptions of income to married persons (House, No. 260).

Income taxes,
— payments.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to payments of income taxes (House, No. 262).

Trustees under
the will of
George H.
Morrill.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 148), a Resolve in favor of the trustees under the will of George H. Morrill (House, No. 1197).

Edmund F.
Merriam of
Brookline.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 466), a Resolve in favor of Edmund F. Merriam of Brookline (House, No. 1198).

General laws,
— table of
changes and
indices.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, on a part of the preliminary report of the joint special recess committee on the administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 17), a Bill relative to the preparation of the table of changes in the general laws and indices thereof (House, No. 1195).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Income from
real estate, —
taxation.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of David J. Maloney that street railway companies provide shelters or stations at terminals and transfer points; and Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 56) of A. L. Moriarty, vice president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions, that a Saturday half-holiday be granted to certain laborers employed by the town of Needham;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Pittsfield to pension Jason N. Shephardson (House, No. 328, changed);

To amend the charter of the city of Pittsfield (House, No. 330, changed);

Relative to a Saturday half-holiday for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Quincy (House, No. 379) (its title having been changed, by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the city of Lynn to extend Parkland avenue to Quebec street through Pine Grove Cemetery (House, No. 478, changed);

To place the chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws (House, No. 518, changed);

To authorize the town of Bridgewater to collect sewer taxes (House, No. 655);

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Florence J. Donoghue (House, No. 680, changed); and

To change the time of holding preliminary elections in the city of Methuen (House, No. 952, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize savings banks to make payments at branch offices on account of deposits (Senate, No. 100); and

The Resolve further extending the time for the report of the special commission on agricultural education and development (Senate, No. 90, changed);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the acceptance of the provisions of an act of Congress providing that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of rural post roads (House, No. 663) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill

enabling the Commonwealth to accept federal aid in the construction of rural post roads (House, No. 1194).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20) was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn the bill was amended by inserting after the word "employees", in line 7 and in line 10, the words "who were"; and by inserting after the word "commission", in line 8 and in line 11, the words "on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen".

The bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to permit the dragging for flounders by the beam or otter trawl in Pleasant bay in the town of Orleans (House, No. 408) was read a third time.

Mr. Smith of Provincetown moved that the bill be amended as follows: —

By adding after the word "trawl", in line 5 and in line 14, the words ", the minimum mesh to be three inches"; and

By adding the following section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The Bill making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen (House, No. 1193) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At eighteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Orr of Pittsfield, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, February 5, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Mr. Perham of Chelmsford presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Westford that the annual meeting of said town be made valid notwithstanding delay in posting the warrant for the same. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Westford
town meeting,
— validation.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was read; and it was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1200) was referred to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hull of Leominster presented a petition of B. Preston Clark relative to extending state-aided vocational education during the period of the war. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State-aided
vocational
education.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to authorize the town of Whitman to refund certain indebtedness (printed as House, No. 607) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Crowley of Abington, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Whitman, —
refunding of
indebtedness.

A report of the joint committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1150) of Edward J. Colman that Maude H. Bridge, executrix under the will of Henry S. Bridge, be reimbursed for money paid by her for an income tax which should not have been levied, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Taxation, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Maude H.
Bridge, —
reimbursement
for certain
payment of
income tax.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 98) of John J. Conway relative to the limitation of the capital stock of trust companies:

Trust com-
panies, —
capital stock.

Trust companies, —
investments.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 139) of Charles S. Baxter relative to the investments of trust companies; and

Savings banks and trust companies, —
mortgages.

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 169) of B. Frank Carroll relative to enforcing payments of mortgages by savings banks and trust companies; and

Voters, —
bulletins of
information.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 428) of Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for furnishing voters with information regarding candidates and referendum measures;

Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 429) of Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for providing the voters with information regarding measures referred to them at state elections; and

Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 431) of James MacKaye for the issuance by the Commonwealth of an election bulletin and other information for the voters;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Neponset bridge, —
report on
reconstruction.

A Resolve requiring the Metropolitan Park Commission to report relative to the reconstruction of Neponset bridge and its approaches (Senate, No. 154) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Men engaged
in agriculture,
— classification
under selective
service act.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the Resolutions relative to the classification of men engaged in agriculture under the federal selective service act (Senate, No. 243). Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the resolutions were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Voters, —
registration.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 958) of Addison P. Burnham and others for an amendment of the law relative to the registration of voters.

Appeals, —
alternative
method.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1100) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to an alternative method of appeal.

Paymasters
of industrial
concerns, —
protection.

By Mr. Browne of Cambridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 986) of Alfred Ray Mitchell relative to the protection, by armed guards, of paymasters of industrial and commercial concerns.

Returning
soldiers and
sailors, — re-
employment.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 312) of Coleman E. Kelly for the protection and re-employment of soldiers and sailors who return from the service.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Achin of Lowell, for the committee on Federal Relations, on a petition, Resolutions in favor of the creation of a league of nations to safeguard permanent peace upon the termination of the present war (House, No. 489). Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

League of
nations for
permanent
peace.

By Mr. Johnson of Worcester, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works to maintain bridges over Wyman street and Tainter street in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 5, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 14, the words "a like").

Crompton
& Knowles
Loom Works, —
bridges over
streets in
Worcester.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the heirs of R. C. Taylor to construct and maintain a bridge over Tremont street in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 6).

Heirs of
R. C. Taylor,
— bridge over
Tremont street
in Worcester.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the mayor of the city of Boston to place upon the pension roll the name of Jacob Schaffer (House, No. 331, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Boston, —
pensioning of
Jacob Schaffer.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor (House, No. 390).

United Society
of Christian
Endeavor, —
annual meeting.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for completing the railroad of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation (House, No. 22).

Southern
New England
Railroad
Corporation.

By Mr. Marsh of Hingham, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Great Barrington to take additional land for school purposes (House, No. 804).

Great Bar-
rington, —
land for school
purposes.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

To discontinue the incorporation of certain banks;

Relative to the expenses of the Executive department;

To authorize the city of Quincy to pension Lawrence Keegan;

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pension Nellie Clifford;

To authorize the city of New Bedford to pension David A.

Bills
enacted.

Cobb;

To authorize the city of New Bedford to pension Henry C. Russell;

To authorize the city of Cambridge to pension Elbridge G. Stevens;

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Ella A. Lothrop;

To authorize the city of Holyoke to pay an annuity to the widow of Michael Kelleher;
 (Which severally originated in the House);
 Relative to the inspection of gas;
 To defer the retirement of John Baker; and
 Authorizing the town of Wellesley to pay the cost of insuring the lives of its residents in war service;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate);
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
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Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 95) of Julius Garst that the Public Service Commission investigate the feasibility of utilizing for transportation and other purposes the water power of New England;

Of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary:

On the annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund (House, No. 6); and

On the special report of the Board of Education relative to the need of a state normal school in the southeastern district of Massachusetts (House, No. 418);

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 985) of Alfred Ray Mitchell for the appointment of justices of the peace as bail commissioners; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the price to be paid in the sale of Liberty Bonds;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 74) of the selectmen of the town of Stoneham that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct a parkway from said town through Quannapowitt parkway in the town of Wakefield;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 132) of John A. Hirsch that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to complete the Dedham parkway;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 150) of Charles S. Lawler that provision be made for the construction of Old Colony boulevard in the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 211) of Herbert A. Wilson that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to surface and complete the construction of the road on Charles River Reservation from North Harvard street to Cambridge street in the Brighton district of the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 393) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct an extension of Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 394) of Ralph N. Butterworth that the Metropolitan Park Commission

be authorized to complete the acquirement of land for a parkway from Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere to Winthrop Shore Reservation;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 871) of Francis B. McKinney that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to establish and maintain a public boat landing on the Charles river in the Brighton district of the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 999) of Fred P. Greenwood that the Metropolitan Park Commission be directed to investigate and report as to the advisability and cost of acquiring for park purposes certain land in the city of Everett;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of the mayor of the city of Somerville that provision be made for draining surface water from Medford street in said city;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 996) of Augustine Airola that the Revere Beach boulevard be made a one-way street between Eliot circle and Revere street in the city of Revere; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1117) of Maria J. Mutch for compensation for board, care and nursing of an employee of the Metropolitan Park Commission injured in the discharge of duty;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the advisability of extending Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy and of resurfacing a portion of said parkway (House, No. 373);

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Martin R. Lane that the chief of police of the city of Beverly be placed under the civil service laws; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55) of Charles A. Frazer and another relative to duties of assessors in connection with tax sales; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 649) of Frederick T. Fuller relative to the exemption of certain incomes from taxation and for the imposition of a moderate tax upon incomes derived from certain other sources;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that examination of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be required;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 51) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that light be thrown on traffic officers at street crossings; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, relative to the use of spot-lights on motor vehicles; and

Of the joint committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 321) of Mary A. Phillips that the amount of the pension paid her by the Commonwealth be increased;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvements of certain lands given to the Commonwealth by the town of Arlington and of Mystic Valley parkway in the vicinity thereof (House, No. 368);

To authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in the town of Winchester (House, No. 369);

To authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to construct the West Roxbury parkway in the city of Boston (House, No. 412);

To authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to complete the Woburn parkway (House, No. 413); and

To authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to take certain measures for the protection of the public health in and along the Charles river in the cities of Newton and Waltham (House, No. 540); and

The Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to improve Hillcrest parkway in the town of Winchester (House, No. 370);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

The Bill relative to the construction of a boulevard from Melrose to Saugus (House, No. 414) was considered; and after debate it was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Bills:

To restrict the granting of exemptions of income to married persons (House, No. 260);

Relative to payments of income taxes (House, No. 262);

To authorize the city of Cambridge to pay certain bills contracted by city officials in excess of appropriations (House, No. 397);

To authorize the town of Norwood to refund certain temporary loans (House, No. 449);

Relative to the preparation of the table of changes in the general laws and indices thereof (House, No. 1195); and

To provide for the reinstatement of Clair P. Chainey in the Revere police department (Senate, No. 101, changed); and

Resolves:

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (House, No. 1196);

In favor of the trustees under the will of George H. Morrill (House, No. 1197);

In favor of Edmund F. Merriam of Brookline (House, No. 1198); and

In favor of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes (House, No. 1199);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 430) of Cornelius Boothman that party designations in municipal elections in the town of Adams be abolished and that primary elections and caucuses in said town be abolished, was considered.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Boothman of Adams, that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to elections in the town of Adams (House, No. 430), was adopted.

The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The Bill declaring reports and records of venereal diseases confidential (House, No. 212) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Health.

The report was accepted; and accordingly the bill was recommitted.

The report of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 454) of Fred P. Greenwood that persons in the military or naval service of the United States shall not lose their civil service ratings, was considered.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide that persons in the military or naval service of the United States shall preserve their civil service ratings (House, No. 454).

After debate the same member moved that the report be re-committed; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to permit co-operative banks to suspend certain mortgage payments by borrowers engaged in war service (Senate, No. 239) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Lord of Athol moved that the bill be amended by inserting in line 13, after the word "accommodation", the words "or any person acting in his behalf,".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At fifteen minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bellows of Clarksburg, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, February 6, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual and Special Reports.

State Forest
Commission.

The fourth annual report of the State Forest Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 108), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Agricultural
education and
resources, —
development.

A report of the special commission (the Commission on Economy and Efficiency, the Commissioner of Education and three persons appointed by the Governor) appointed, under chapter 106 of the resolves of 1916 and chapter 81 of the resolves of 1917, to investigate the subject of agricultural education as conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the development of the agricultural resources of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly. Sent up for concurrence.

Report Ordered Reprinted.

Public Service
Commission,
— report on
finances,
operating
methods and
fares of the
Boston Ele-
vated Railway
Company.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn one thousand additional copies of the special report of the Public Service Commission, under section 14 of chapter 373 of the special acts of 1917, relative to the finances and operating methods of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and to the advisability of repealing section 10 of chapter 500 of the acts of 1897 which established a five-cent fare for twenty-five years on the lines operated by said company (House, No. 1240), were ordered printed.

Petitions.

Lowell. —
widow of
George Teel.

Mr. Jewett of Lowell presented a petition of Lucy Teel that the city of Lowell be authorized to pension the widow of George Teel. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Sturbridge
annual
meeting, —
validation.

Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield presented a petition of Warren E. Tarbell that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the town of Sturbridge be validated. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Boston
primaries,
— recounts.

Extending the filing time of petitions for recounts after Boston primaries (Senate, No. 59); and

Changing the form of nomination papers in Boston city elections (Senate, No. 60);

Boston elections, — nomination papers.

(Severally reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House Bill to provide a discount on advance payments of inheritance taxes (printed as Senate, No. 40) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out all after the word "paragraph:", in line 15, and inserting in place thereof the words "If a tax imposed by the provisions of this act is paid prior to the date upon which it is due, it shall be discounted at the rate of four per cent a year."

Inheritance taxes, — discount on advance payment.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

A special report of the Supervisor of Administration, under chapter 125 of the resolves of 1917, relative to insuring a more comprehensive and efficient handling of the problems committed to the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (Senate, No. 246), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Administration and Commissions.

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

A special report of the Boston Transit Commission, under chapter 72 of the resolves of 1917, relative to providing an incline entrance for surface cars from Columbus avenue into the subway at Boylston street in or near Park square in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 245), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Boston, — Park square entrance to the Boylston Street subway.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Frank J. Burke that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1201) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Boston, — widow of Joseph C. Reiser.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Henry L. Higginson that the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by soldiers and sailors be authorized under certain conditions. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1202) was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Lord's Day, — sports by soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Henry C. Alvord and others for the incorporation of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association with authority to maintain a cemetery in South

Mount Hope Cemetery Association.

Weymouth. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1203) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, — six-cent fares.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William J. McDonald that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be authorized to collect six-cent fares and that one-sixth of said revenue be paid to the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1204) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Patients in state institutions, — care of funds.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of George M. Kline relative to the care of funds of patients in institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1206) was referred to the committee on Public Institutions.

Fourth District Court of Plymouth, — salaries.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Luke F. Kelly and others relative to the salaries of the justice, special justices and clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1207) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Telephone and telegraph companies, — valuation of property.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William D. T. Trefry and another relative to the valuation of the property of telephone and telegraph companies. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1208) was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Widow of J. Walter Cropper, — annuity.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of A. L. Whitman for an extension of the time within which an annuity shall be paid to the widow of J. Walter Cropper. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1209) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Homestead Commission, — annual report.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Henry Sterling that 500 additional copies of the annual report of the Homestead Commission be printed. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald.

The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1210) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the Resolutions relative to the welfare of soldiers (Senate, No. 236). Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Army camps,
— welfare of
soldiers.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 232) of Charles F. Sargent and others that provision be made for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs.

National
Guard prop-
erty and dis-
bursing officer,
— expenses.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition (taken from the files of last year) of J. A. Nash relative to the construction, equipment and operation of ammonia and refrigerating plants. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Ammonia and
refrigerating
plants.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the recall of judicial officers.

Judicial
officers, —
recall.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the election of judicial officers.

Judicial
officers, —
election.

By Mr. Conroy of Fall River, for the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 364) of the trustees of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy that said college be authorized to grant additional degrees.

Massachusetts
College of
Osteopathy, —
additional
degrees.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Harry Seymour Ross and others that the Emerson College of Oratory be authorized to grant certain degrees.

Emerson
College of
Oratory, —
granting of
degrees.

By Mr. Wonson of Gloucester, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 366) of Jason Noble Pierce and others that the Board of Trustees of Gordon Bible College be authorized to grant certain degrees.

Gordon Bible
College, —
granting of
degrees.

Cities, —
schools of
agriculture
and horti-
culture.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Denis J. Mahoney relative to authorizing cities to maintain schools of agriculture and horticulture.

City elections,
— preferential
voting.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 384) of Charles H. Porter and others that provision be made for preferential voting at municipal elections in cities [Messrs. Sawyer of Ware and O'Connor of Chicopee, of the House, dissenting].

Municipal
elections, —
residence
qualification
for voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1073) of Charles H. Morrill that the period of residence required as a qualification for voting in city and town elections be reduced.

Nomination
papers, — party
designations.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of O. Louis Wolcott and another that nomination papers shall state the party enrollment or affiliation of candidates.

Provincetown
harbor, —
harbor lines.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands relative to the advisability of changing the harbor lines in Provincetown harbor (House, No. 8).

Life and
investment
insurance, —
separation.

By Mr. Wall of Worcester, for the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 576) of Fred S. Elwell relative to the separation of life and investment insurance [Mr. Craig of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Shore of Lynn
harbor, —
improvement.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 505) of Joseph L. Barry and others that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to expend a further sum of money for completing the improvement of the northeastern shore of Lynn harbor.

Boston, —
junior police
department.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1001) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of a junior police department in the city of Boston.

Boston, —
building
permits.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 206) of John B. McKenna and another relative to decisions of the board of appeal in the building department of the city of Boston.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1115) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the number of members of the board of building commissioners in the city of Boston necessary to vary the provisions of the law relative to building permits in said city.

King's beach
in Swamp-
scott, — public
comfort
station.

By Mr. Craig of Lynn, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 149) of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 313) of J. Francis Southgate relative to the publication of schedules by public service corporations furnishing electricity [Mr. Harrop, of the Senate, dissenting].

Public service corporations, — electricity schedules.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of Edward F. Thompson and another relative to the holding of certain offices in the county of Bristol.

Bristol county, — holding of office.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 318) of William F. Craig for legislation to permit deferred income tax returns and payments by persons in war service.

Income tax, — deferred returns and payments.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, for the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolutions in favor of the ratification of the closed season on water fowl recommended by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture (House, No. 538) ought to be adopted.

Water fowl, — closed season.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, for the same committee, that the Resolutions urging the enactment by Congress of legislation enabling soldiers and others in the federal service to accept honors and decorations proffered by the allies of the United States (printed as Senate, No. 18) ought not to be adopted.

Soldiers and sailors, — decorations proffered by the allies.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

By Mr. Johnson of Worcester, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill relative to the wages of employees of the city of Worcester (House, No. 424, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Worcester employees, — wages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to pension Daniel T. Courtney (printed as Senate, No. 104, changed by striking out, in line 8, the words "instalments of twelve dollars each week", and inserting in place thereof the words "equal monthly payments"; and by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Worcester, — pensioning of Daniel T. Courtney.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pension Thomas J. Gorman (House, No. 329, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city

Boston, — pensioning of Thomas J. Gorman.

council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.”).

Fish, —
inspection.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34), a Bill repealing the law relating to the inspection of fish (House, No. 43).

Fish weirs,
nets and
traps, —
licenses.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named commission (House, No. 170), a Bill relative to the approval by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of licenses for the maintenance of fish weirs, nets and traps (House, No. 177).

Waterways
Fund.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170), a Bill to change the name of the Harbor and Land Commissioners' Tide Water Fund to Waterways Fund (House, No. 178).

Cambridge, —
income from
water works.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of income from the water works of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 879).

Cities, —
approval of
pay rolls, etc.

By Mr. Jordan of Lawrence, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the approval of pay rolls, bills and accounts of persons in the service of any city other than Boston (House, No. 608).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Food products,
— production
and con-
servation.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 811, changed by striking out, in line 6, the word “three”, and inserting in place thereof the word “two”; and by adding after the word “dollars”, in the same line, the words “, fifty thousand dollars of which shall be expended under the direction of the county farm bureaus”).

Farm
machinery, —
state purchase
and lease.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 813, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 3, the words “and twenty-five”; and by inserting before the word “lease”, in line 4, the words “operate or”).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Boston
Transit
Commission,
— transfer of
employees.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn the vote was reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed, as amended, the Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20).

Pending the recurring question the bill was recommitted to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, on further motion of Mr. Brown.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the town of Whitman to refund certain indebted- *Bills enacted.*
ness;

To authorize savings banks to make payments at branch offices
on account of deposits;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the
Senate.

An engrossed Resolve further extending the time for the report *Resolve passed.*
of the special commission on agricultural education and develop-
ment (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and
sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the *Orders of*
petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 958) of Addison P. *the day.*
Burnham and others for an amendment of the law relative to the
registration of voters;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 986) of
Alfred Ray Mitchell relative to the protection, by armed guards,
of paymasters of industrial and commercial concerns; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1100) of
Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to an alternative method
of appeal; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on
the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 312) of Coleman
E. Kelly for the protection and re-employment of soldiers and
sailors who return from the service;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence:

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 98) of John
J. Conway relative to the limitation of the capital stock of trust
companies;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 139) of
Charles S. Baxter relative to the investments of trust companies;
and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 169) of
B. Frank Carroll relative to enforcing payments of mortgages by
savings banks and trust companies; and

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 428) of
Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for furnishing voters
with information regarding candidates and referendum measures;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 429) of
Frederick T. Fuller that provision be made for providing the
voters with information regarding measures referred to them at
state elections; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 431) of James MacKaye for the issuance by the Commonwealth of an election bulletin and other information for the voters;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions in favor of the creation of a league of nations to safeguard permanent peace upon the termination of the present war (House, No. 489) were considered; and after debate they were adopted, as follows: —

Whereas, The President of the United States has declared that our present and immediate task is to win the war; and

Whereas, He has proclaimed that the chief aim of the war is to secure a permanent peace guaranteed by a partnership of free nations. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By The General Court of Massachusetts that The Commonwealth of Massachusetts pledges all its resources to the vigorous prosecution of the war until Prussian autocracy has been defeated; and be it further

Resolved, That The Commonwealth of Massachusetts favors the entrance of the United States, after the war, into a League of Nations to safeguard the peace that must be won by the joint military forces of the allied nations; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President and to the presiding officers of both branches of Congress and to each of the senators and representatives from Massachusetts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time for completing the railroad of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation (House, No. 22);

To authorize the mayor of the city of Boston to place upon the pension roll the name of Jacob Schaffer (House, No. 331, changed);

Relative to the time and place of holding the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor (House, No. 390);

To authorize the town of Great Barrington to take additional land for school purposes (House, No. 804);

To authorize the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works to maintain bridges over Wyman street and Tainter street in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 5, changed); and

To authorize the heirs of R. C. Taylor to construct and maintain a bridge over Tremont street in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 6); and

The Resolve requiring the Metropolitan Park Commission to report relative to the reconstruction of Neponset bridge and its approaches (Senate, No. 154);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To restrict the granting of exemptions of income to married persons (House, No. 260);

Relative to payments of income taxes (House, No. 262); and

To authorize the city of Cambridge to pay certain bills contracted by city officials in excess of appropriations (House, No. 397); and

Resolves:

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (House, No. 1196);

In favor of the trustees under the will of George H. Morrill (House, No. 1197);

In favor of Edmund F. Merriam of Brookline (House, No. 1198); and

In favor of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes (House, No. 1199);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Norwood to refund certain temporary loans (House, No. 449) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood.

The Bill to provide for the reinstatement of Clair P. Chainey in the Revere police department (Senate, No. 101, changed) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the preparation of the table of changes in the general laws and indices thereof (House, No. 1195) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in line 10, the words “, and to”, and inserting in place thereof the words “. The secretary of the commonwealth shall”; and by inserting after the word “eight”, in line 14, the words “, as amended by chapter sixty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to elections in the town of Adams (House, No. 430) was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams the bill was amended by striking out section 9.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

At sixteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, February 7, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

Lowell Textile
School.

The annual report, under chapter 248 of the acts of 1904, of the trustees of the Lowell Textile School (House, No. 1260), received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Education.

Savings and
insurance
banks; Gen-
eral Insurance
Guaranty
Fund.

The annual report of the Insurance Commissioner and the Bank Commissioner, under section 32 of chapter 561 of the acts of 1907, relative to savings and insurance banks and the General Insurance Guaranty Fund (House, No. 1270), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

State
Library.

The eighth annual report of the trustees of the State Library (Pub. Doc. No. 3), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Committees of
the General
Court, —
travelling
expenses.

A communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, transmitting a statement, as required by the 3d joint rule, of all bills presented to the Auditor of the Commonwealth during the month of January for the travelling expenses of committees of the General Court (House, No. 1211), was read; and the same was sent to the Senate.

Petitions.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Babb of Boston presented a petition of the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Charles A.
Berry, — re-
imbursement.

Mr. Haynes of Scituate presented a petition of Charles A. Berry and another that said Berry be reimbursed for the loss of a farm building and its contents by fire set by two state wards. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Chelsea city
solicitor, —
tenure of
office.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea presented a petition of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to the tenure of office of the city solicitor of the city of Chelsea. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to exempt from taxation the income from deposits in mutual savings banks in other states (Senate, No. 253) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Bank Commissioner, House, Nos. 29 and 33), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Deposits in mutual savings banks, — exemption of income from taxation.

A Bill to validate the current annual meeting of the town of Westford (Senate, No. 255) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1200), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Perham of Chelmsford, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Westford, — validation of town meeting.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 94) of John I. Fitzgerald for legislation relative to the supervision of plumbing; and

Supervision of plumbing.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 166) of Barnard H. Weiner relative to the succession in office of members of the Board of Registration in Medicine; and

Board of Registration in Medicine, — membership.

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 13) of John L. Bates and others that certain persons be permitted to register as physicians;

Physicians, — registration of certain persons.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the superintendent of streets of the city of Chicopee (Senate, No. 48); and

Chicopee superintendent of streets, — civil service.

To establish the salary of the mayor of the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 79, changed and amended);

Taunton, — salary of mayor.

(Severally reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Notice was received that the following petitions had severally been referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court, the Senate having refused to concur with the House in the suspension of said rule: —

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1161) of Francis A. Campbell relative to the expenses of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk;

Suffolk county, — Superior Court expenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1171) of John H. McAllister that the open season for the hunting of game birds, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits be changed; and

Game birds and game, — open season.

Board of
Parole, —
separate
department.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1179) of Everett R. Prout that the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons be established as a separate department.

Reports of Committees.

Superintendent
of dams and
reservoirs.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 807) of George Ward Cook that the office of superintendent of dams and reservoirs be established.

Arborists, —
registration.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 42) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that arborists be registered.

Boston, —
reinstatement
of Daniel J.
O'Sullivan.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1062) of D. C. Murphy that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate Daniel J. O'Sullivan in the public works department of said city.

Cambridge, —
listing of
voters.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge.

Questions
of public
policy, —
signatures.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1075) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the number of signatures required to provide for submitting to the voters questions of public policy.

Probate court,
— appeals.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 123) of George M. Poland relative to the time for claiming appeals from the probate court.

Executors and
others, —
filing of
accounts.

By Mr. Bates of Quincy, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 339) of Carrie G. Barr relative to the filing of accounts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees.

Junk dealers, —
residents only.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 715) of Barnet Lerner that only legal residents of cities and towns shall be licensed as junk dealers.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
sale near
subway sta-
tions, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 121) of George W. Warren and another that licensed saloons be excluded from the vicinity of certain subway and elevated railway exits and entrances.

Public ways
and private
lands, —
rubbish.

By Mr. Gould of Milford, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Elmer L. Briggs that depositing rubbish or waste in highways or on the land of another be prohibited [Mr. Browne of Cambridge, of the House, dissenting].

Temporary
guardians, —
appointment.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 338)

of Carrie G. Barr relative to the appointment of temporary guardians.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 591) of the Dorchester No-License League relative to providing for public hearings upon the granting of licenses in the city of Boston.

Boston
licensing
board, —
public hearings.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 442) of Peter I. Adams relative to a standard measure for the sale of gasoline.

Gasoline, —
measure
and sale.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1112) of Thomas L. Hisgen relative to regulating the sale of gasoline.

Id.

By Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1016) of Paolo Contestabile and others that persons who handle food for general consumption be licensed.

Handlers of
food, —
licenses.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the compensation of certain legislative employees.

Certain legis-
lative em-
ployees, —
compensation.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 219) of Walter E. McLane that the chimera of the city of Fall River may be placed under civil service law.

Fall River
chimera, —
civil service.

By Mr. Prescott of Grafton, for the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 521) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston.

Railroads in
and near
Boston, —
electrification.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 631) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston.

Id.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of parks, parkways and boulevards under the control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and for the maintenance of the sewerage and water systems under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (House, No. 1212).

Appropriations, —
metropolitan
park, water
and sewer
expenses.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to amend the city charter of the city of Lynn in respect to the approval by the mayor of votes passed by the city council (House, No. 378, changed in section 1 by inserting after the word "city", in line 6 and in line 9, the words ", except the election of officers").

Lynn, —
mayor and
city council.

By Mr. Austin of Somerville, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the reserve police force in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed by striking out section 2,

Somerville, —
reinstatement
of Patrick
H. Ryan.

and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.")

Taking of
trout.

By Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34), a Bill relative to the taking of trout (House, No. 44).

Taking of
salmon.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34), a Bill relative to the taking of salmon (House, No. 45).

Westport
river, —
fisheries.

By Mr. Howland of New Bedford, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fishing in Westport river (House, No. 573).

Applicants
for life
insurance, —
examination.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill relative to the medical examination of applicants for life insurance (House, No. 118).

Policies of life
insurance, —
total dis-
ability benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120), a Bill relative to the incorporation of total disability benefits in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1216).

Soldiers and
sailors, —
poll tax
exemptions.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the committee on Taxation, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 145, 320, 796, and 1144), a Bill to exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes (House, No. 1213).

Firemen and
their depend-
ents, —
state aid.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 362), a Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Jurors, —
compensation.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 127 and 713), a Bill to increase the compensation of jurors (House, No. 127) [Mr. Reed, of the Senate, dissenting].

Seashore, —
refuse and
decaying
matter.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 614).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Sergeant-at-
Arms, — classi-
fication of
appointees.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the classification of employees of the Commonwealth appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms (House, No. 619).

Laws relating
to towns, —
revision.

By Mr. Magee of Winthrop, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the revision and codification of laws relating to towns (House, No. 656).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To discontinue the newspaper publication of the general laws; Bills enacted.

Relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston;

To authorize the city of Everett to pay a pension to Lindley R. Woods;

To authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Gilbert H. Smith;

To extend the time within which certain chiropodists may apply for registration;

Relative to the payment by the city of Boston of a pension to William E. Staples;

To change the time of the inauguration of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Woburn;

To extend the time for certain construction and operation by the Hampden Railroad Corporation;

To discontinue the purchase of certain town records antedating the year eighteen hundred and fifty;

To permit the dragging for flounders by the beam or otter trawl in Pleasant bay in the town of Orleans;

Making a further appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the widow and children of William J. Dolan (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw: Orders of the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the recall of judicial officers; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to the election of judicial officers;

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 364) of the trustees of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy that said college be authorized to grant additional degrees;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Harry Seymour Ross and others that the Emerson College of Oratory be authorized to grant certain degrees; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 366) of Jason Noble Pierce and others that the Board of Trustees of Gordon Bible College be authorized to grant certain degrees;

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of O. Louis Wolcott and another that nomination papers shall state the party enrollment or affiliation of candidates; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1073) of Charles H. Morrill that the period of residence required as a qualification for voting in city and town elections be reduced;

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the commission on Waterways and Public Lands relative to the advisability of changing the harbor lines in Provincetown harbor (House, No. 8);

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 576) of Fred S. Elwell relative to the separation of life and investment insurance;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 149) of John E. Fleming and others for the construction by public authority of a public comfort station on or near King's beach in the town of Swampscott; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 505) of Joseph L. Barry and others that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to expend a further sum of money for completing the improvement of the northeastern shore of Lynn harbor;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1001) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of a junior police department in the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 206) of John B. McKenna and another relative to decisions of the board of appeal in the building department of the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 313) of J. Francis Southgate relative to the publication of schedules by public service corporations furnishing electricity; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of Edward F. Thompson and another relative to the holding of certain offices in the county of Bristol;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolutions urging the enactment by Congress of legislation enabling soldiers and others in the federal service to accept honors and decorations proffered by the allies of the United States (printed as Senate, No. 18) were rejected, as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations.

The Resolutions in favor of the ratification of the closed season on water fowl recommended by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture (House, No. 538)

were adopted, as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations, as follows:—

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts favors the approval and ratification of the regulations recommended by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture on the thirteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixteen, in pursuance of an act of Congress providing for a closed season on water fowl in Massachusetts between the sixteenth day of January and the thirtieth day of September, said regulations being ineffective, owing to their not being approved and ratified on August sixteenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts favors the ratification of the aforesaid regulations and requests its senators and representatives in Congress to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the approval and adoption of said regulations.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the senators and representatives in Congress from Massachusetts and to the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to provide a discount on advance payments of inheritance taxes (printed as Senate, No. 40) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the approval by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of licenses for the maintenance of fish weirs, nets and traps (House, No. 177);

To change the name of the Harbor and Land Commissioners' Tide Water Fund to Waterways Fund (House, No. 178);

Relative to the wages of employees of the city of Worcester (House, No. 424, changed);

Relative to the approval of pay rolls, bills and accounts of persons in the service of any city other than Boston (House, No. 608);

Relative to the use of income from the water works of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 879);

To authorize the city of Worcester to pension Daniel T. Courtney (printed as Senate, No. 104, changed);

Extending the filing time of petitions for recounts after Boston primaries (Senate, No. 59); and

Changing the form of nomination papers in Boston city elections (Senate, No. 60);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To extend the time for completing the railroad of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation (House, No. 22);

To authorize the mayor of the city of Boston to place upon the pension roll the name of Jacob Schaffer (House, No. 331, changed);

Relative to the annual meeting of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and of its board of trustees (House, No. 390) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to elections in the town of Adams (House, No. 430, amended);

To authorize the town of Great Barrington to take certain land for school purposes (House, No. 804) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To provide for a commission to hold and manage the high school stadium and athletic field in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 819) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works to maintain bridges over Wyman and Tainter streets in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 5, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To authorize the heirs of R. C. Taylor to construct and maintain a bridge over Tremont street in the city of Worcester (printed as Senate, No. 6);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve requiring the Metropolitan Park Commission to report relative to the reconstruction of Neponset bridge and its approaches (Senate, No. 154) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Denis J. Mahoney relative to authorizing cities to maintain schools of agriculture and horticulture, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Moynihan of Boston, it was recommitted.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 384) of Charles H. Porter and others that provision be made for preferential voting at municipal elections in cities, was considered.

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the report be amended by striking out the words "petitioners have leave to withdraw", and inserting in place thereof the words "same be referred to the next General Court".

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1115) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the number of members of the board of building commissioners in the city of Boston necessary to vary the provisions of the law relative to building permits in said city, was considered.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to an appeal from the decision

of the building commissioner in the city of Boston relative to building permits (House, No. 1115).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 318) of William F. Craig for legislation to permit deferred income tax returns and payments by persons in war service, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill repealing the law relating to the inspection of fish (House, No. 43) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pension Thomas J. Gorman (House, No. 329, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words "equal to one half of the compensation received by him at the time of his retirement", and inserting in place thereof the words "of six hundred dollars".

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20, amended) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading (to whom the bill had been recommitted) reported recommending the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1217).

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion prevailed.

At fourteen minutes after three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Haskins of Middleborough, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, February 8, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions.*Administration
of town affairs;
limited town
meeting.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington presented a petition of William Roger Greeley and others relative to the administration of town affairs and to the adoption of a limited town meeting. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Needham, —
expenses of
the State
Guard.

Mr. Hirsch of Dedham presented a petition of John A. Hirsch that the town of Needham be reimbursed for money expended for the State Guard. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Committee on
Education,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Fitchburg and the town of Framingham, on or before March 1.

*Reports:*Primary
elections, —
party en-
rollment.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 959) of C. A. Winchester that party enrollments as a requisite for voting at primary elections be abolished;

Spanish war
veterans, —
civil service.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of David J. Maloney that veterans of the Spanish American war be exempted from certain provisions of the civil service rules and regulations; and

Southbridge,
— abolition
of grade
crossings.

Of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 57) of the selectmen of the town of Southbridge for legislation to require or authorize the intervention of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation in proceedings for the abolition of certain grade crossings in said town;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

*Bills:*Watertown,
— interest on
securities.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain bridge securities of the town of Watertown (Senate, No. 249) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 450); and

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 250) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 398);

New Bedford,—
interest on
securities.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1074) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the counting of ballots under the law providing for submitting to the voters questions of public policy.

Questions
of public
policy,—
counting
of ballots.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of George H. Jackson that parents and guardians be made criminally responsible for certain injuries to children.

Injuries to
children,—
liability of
parents.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 972) of Robert Robinson relative to allowing defendants in criminal cases to investigate the witnesses offered by the Commonwealth.

State wit-
nesses,—in-
vestigation by
defendants.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 973) of Robert Robinson and another relative to allowing continuances to defendants in criminal proceedings.

Criminal
proceedings,—
continuances.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 495) of John F. Duffy that the recommending of attorneys in connection with furnishing bail in criminal cases be prohibited.

Bail,—
recommending
of attorneys.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 304) of John F. Duffy and others relative to the present bond requirements in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Boston
municipal
court,—bond
requirements.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Barnet Lerner relative to the suspension of the licenses of junk dealers.

Junk dealers'
licenses,—
suspension.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 721) of M. Birmingham and others relative to appeals from the decisions of wire inspectors.

Decisions
of wire
inspectors,
— appeals.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of M. Birmingham and others that towns be required to appoint inspectors of wires.

Towns,—
inspectors
of wires.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 865) of Benjamin H. Hunt, Jr., that candy and confectionery placed in cold storage shall be so marked.

Cold storage
confectionery,
— marking.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill,

Cord wood.

House, No. 864) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures for an amendment of the law relative to the selling of cord wood.

Boards of
health, —
women
members.

By Mr. Cheney of Southbridge, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 24) of Charles E. Burbank that women be eligible for service on boards of health.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Political
conventions, —
nomination
of certain state
officers.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 333), a Bill to provide for the nomination by state conventions of candidates for the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General (House, No. 1218).

Newton, —
preferential
voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 837), a Bill relative to preferential voting at city elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 1219) [Mr. Burr of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Millett
Sanatorium
of Brockton.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to revive the charter of the Millett Sanatorium of Brockton (House, No. 866).

Inspection of
buildings.

By Mr. Burrell of Medford, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Chief of the District Police (House, No. 180), a Bill relative to the inspection of buildings (House, No. 181).

Massachusetts
Baptist
Convention.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to consolidate the Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society under the name of Massachusetts Baptist Convention, and for other purposes (House, No. 502).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Surveyor-
General of
Lumber, —
powers and
duties.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the powers and duties of the Surveyor-General of Lumber (printed as Senate, No. 147, changed by adding the following section: "SECTION 2. Section four of chapter sixty of the revised laws is hereby amended by striking out the word 'ten', in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* He shall keep a record of all lumber surveyed by himself or his deputies and of the amount of fees received by each deputy, and as often as once in each month he shall be entitled to twelve per cent of such fees. Such record shall be at all times open to inspection by the members of the city councils of cities and by the selectmen of towns within said district. Grades of lumber which are recognized in trade and not defined in this chapter may, upon application therefor in writing to the surveyor-general, be established and defined by him, and the fees for the survey thereof shall be the same as those for surveying lumber of grades similar thereto.").

Neponset
river, —
further im-
provement.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a special report of the State Department of Health

(House, No. 107), a Bill to provide further for the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 354), a Resolve providing for furnishing to applicants copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court. Legislative bills and resolves, — distribution.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the tenure of the city engineer of Brockton;

Relative to the tenure of the collector of taxes of Brockton;

To authorize the city of Haverhill to pension Albion M. Perkins;

Bills enacted.

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to expend certain balances of appropriations heretofore made;

To legalize the conveyance of certain cemetery property by the First Congregationalist Parish in the town of Chatham;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To validate the current annual meeting of the town of Westford;

To exempt from taxation the income from deposits in mutual savings banks in other states; and

To provide for the reinstatement of Clair P. Chainey in the Revere police department;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Alice Gigger of Chelsea;

In favor of Charles F. Pidgin of Brookline;

To confirm the acts of Thomas F. Bergin of Waltham as a justice of the peace;

To confirm the acts of Berthold A. Oppenheimer of Springfield as a notary public; and

Relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 42) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that arborists be registered; Orders of the day.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 807) of George Ward Cook that the office of superintendent of dams and reservoirs be established;

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1062) of D. C. Murphy that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate Daniel J. O'Sullivan in the public works department of said city;

Of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1075) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the number of signatures required to provide for submitting to the voters questions of public policy;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 121) of George W. Warren and another that licensed saloons be excluded from the vicinity of certain subway and elevated railway exits and entrances;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 123) of George M. Poland relative to the time for claiming appeals from the probate court;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 338) of Carrie G. Barr relative to the appointment of temporary guardians;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 339) of Carrie G. Barr relative to the filing of accounts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 591) of the Dorchester No-License League relative to providing for public hearings upon the granting of licenses in the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Elmer L. Briggs that depositing rubbish or waste in highways or on the land of another be prohibited; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 715) of Barnett Lerner that only legal residents of cities and towns shall be licensed as junk dealers;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 442) of Peter I. Adams relative to a standard measure for the sale of gasoline; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1112) of Thomas L. Hisgen relative to regulating the sale of gasoline;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1016) of Paolo Contestabile and others that persons who handle food for general consumption be licensed;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 219) of Walter E. McLane that the chimera of the city of Fall River may be placed under civil service law; and

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 521) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 631) of Horace E. Dunkle for the electrification of all railroads operated in or about the city of Boston;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 94) of John I. Fitzgerald for legislation relative to the supervision of plumbing; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 166) of Barnard H. Weiner relative to the succession in office of members of the Board of Registration in Medicine; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 13) of John L. Bates and others that certain persons be permitted to register as physicians;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the taking of trout (House, No. 44);

Relative to the taking of salmon (House, No. 45);

Relative to the medical examination of applicants for life insurance (House, No. 118);

To amend the city charter of the city of Lynn in respect to the approval by the mayor of votes passed by the city council (House, No. 378, changed);

Relative to fishing in Westport river (House, No. 573);

Relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the reserve police force in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed);

Making appropriations for the maintenance of parks, parkways and boulevards under the control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and for the maintenance of the sewerage and water systems under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (House, No. 1212);

Relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214);

Relative to the incorporation of total disability benefits in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1216);

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the superintendent of streets of the city of Chicopee (Senate, No. 48); and

To establish the salary of the mayor of the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 79, changed and amended);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Repealing the law relating to the inspection of fish (House, No. 43);

Relative to the approval by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of licenses for the maintenance of fish weirs, nets and traps (House, No. 177);

To change the name of the Harbor and Land Commissioners' Tide Water Fund to Waterways Fund (House, No. 178);

To authorize the city of Boston to pension Thomas J. Gorman (House, No. 329, changed);

Relative to the wages of certain employees of the city of Worcester (House, No. 424, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the approval of pay-rolls, bills and accounts of persons in the service of any city other than Boston (House, No. 608);

Relative to the use of income from the water works of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 879); and

To authorize the city of Worcester to pension Daniel T. Courtney (printed as Senate, No. 104, changed);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to recounts after primary elections in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 59) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Changing the form of nomination papers in elections in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 60) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission (Senate, No. 20, amended) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1217), was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 621) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the compensation of certain legislative employees, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Whitman of Quincy the report was amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to compensation of legislative employees (House, No. 621), which was read; and the bill was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes (House, No. 1213) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cooley of East Longmeadow, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, February 11, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor, filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the session, was read: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, February 11, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am transmitting you herewith copy of a letter that has just reached me from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in relation to the issuing of bonds by the Commonwealth. The enormous expenditures required by the National Government for the proper prosecution of the war require the raising of huge sums of money. A large part of this amount will be raised by the issuance of bonds. Inasmuch as this letter is from the local agent of the Federal Government I urge you to give it your earnest consideration.

Message from
the Governor,
— issuing of
state bonds.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

On motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton the message, with the accompanying letter, was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. (House, No. 1221.) Sent up for concurrence.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Greenwood of Everett, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, February 13.

Committee on
Social Welfare,
— travel.

Bill Ordered Reprinted.

On motion of Mr. Hull of Leominster the Bill (accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Education) to provide for the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education to have supervision of physical education in the public schools (House, No. 162) was ordered reprinted.

Public schools,
— supervision
of physical
education.

Petition.

Mr. McKeon of Worcester presented a petition of Francis P. McKeon that the approval of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners be required to any rate increase by com-

Gas and
electric com-
panies, —
approval of
rate increases.

panies under its jurisdiction. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

State, county
and district
officers, —
recall.

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 482) of Charles H. Morrill for an amendment of the Constitution authorizing the General Court to pass laws providing for the recall of state, county and district officers;

Boston liquor
licenses, —
quadrennial
referendum.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1072) of William H. Coblentz that the referendum on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Boston be taken once in four years;

National
labor law.

Of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 62) of John Halliwell for the passage of resolutions favoring a national law regulating the employment of labor;

Fire Preven-
tion Commis-
sioner, —
inspectors.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 183) of Edward F. McGrady that provision be made for the appointment of inspectors by the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District; and

Civil service,
— preference
for veterans.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) of John W. Craig relative to preference for veterans in the civil service of the Commonwealth, cities and towns;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Jennie I.
Ware.

To provide a teacher's retirement allowance to Jennie I. Ware (Senate, No. 16) (reported on a petition);

Wellesley, —
interest on
securities.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 247) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22); and

Id.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain sewerage securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 248) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 23);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Brockton, —
Home for
Aged Men.

The House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out the words "Said corporation shall be exempt from the state income tax levied during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen based on the income of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen on funds held by the executors of said

Howard for the benefit of said trust." (added by the committee at the end of section 1); and striking out section 2.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 257) of Thomas F. Roche and others that the town of Blackstone may be authorized to incur indebtedness for the construction of a high school building, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Municipal Finance; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Blackstone, —
high school
building.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 474) of Alfred Morton Cutler and others for an investigation by the Supervisor of Administration of the business methods of the bureau of war records in the department of the Adjutant-General.

Adjutant-General, —
investigation
of department
of war
records.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 475) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the work of compiling a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion be discontinued.

Compilation of
war records, —
discontinuance.

By Mr. Marsh of Springfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 135) of Arthur E. Horton that provision be made for the appointment of a drainage board of survey.

Drainage
board of
survey.

By Mr. Finkel of Boston, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 46) of Rocco Abruzzio and others that the employment of police officers as interpreters in criminal cases be prohibited.

Police officers
as interpreters.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 990) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the statements made by book and credit company representatives.

Credit com-
panies' repre-
sentatives, —
statements.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 395) of Ira H. Ellis and others for the payment by the Commonwealth of a sum of money to Joseph Hanreddy.

Joseph
Hanreddy.

By Mr. Butterworth of Revere, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 152) of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct sidewalks and assess betterments therefor.

Metropolitan
Park Commis-
sion, — side-
walks and
assessments.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 826) of Francis B. McKinney that the city of Boston be authorized to maintain a surface drain in Shepherd brook in the Brighton district in said city.

Brighton dis-
trict of
Boston, —
Shepherd
brook drain.

Boston, —
building laws.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 208) of James M. Curley, mayor, relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston.

Militia, —
charges for
transportation.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 742) of William F. French that the Adjutant-General be authorized to pay certain charges for transportation of the militia.

Mansfield
Water Supply
District.

By Mr. Walker of New Bedford, for the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 749) of the water commissioners of the town of Mansfield that the Mansfield Water Supply District be authorized to extend its mains and increase its water supply.

Suffolk
county and
Boston van
drivers, —
pensions.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 530) of Charles S. O'Connor that van drivers employed by the county of Suffolk or the city of Boston be pensioned.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Purgatory
Chasm State
Reservation.

By Mr. Bower of Lawrence, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to establish the Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in the county of Worcester (House, No. 469) be referred to the next General Court.

Mohawk Trail
Reservation.

By Mr. Jones of Nantucket, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the establishment of the Mohawk Trail Reservation (House, No. 468) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

Daylight
saving.

By Mr. McKinney of Boston, for the committee on Federal Relations, to whom were referred the Resolutions in favor of the adoption by Congress of a system of daylight saving (House, No. 662) and the Resolutions relative to the daylight bill, so-called, now pending in Congress (House, No. 938), that the latter ought to be adopted. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

Drafting of
aliens.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, for the same committee, on petitions (accompanied by resolutions, House, Nos. 302, 385, 571, and Senate, No. 172), Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to provide by legislation for the drafting of aliens (House, No. 302). Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

Appropriations, —
military
expenses.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the Adjutant-General's department, for the State Guard and for certain other military expenses (House, No. 1222).

District
Police, —
wages of
certain persons.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse

certain persons for loss of wages (House, No. 349) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1226).

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 811, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1223).

Food products,
— production
and con-
servation.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve (introduced on leave) providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 375) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1227).

Constitutional
Convention, —
expenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve *Id.* (introduced on leave) to provide for certain expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 419) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1228).

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, on the abstract of the annual report of the following-named official (House, No. 500), a Bill requiring transfers of funds appropriated for state departments to be approved by the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1224).

Appropriations for state
departments,
— transfers.

By Mr. Bennett of Springfield, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34), a Bill to amend the trapping laws (House, No. 39).

Trapping
laws.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119), a Bill relative to the provisions to be embodied in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1225).

Policies of life
insurance, —
provisions.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to extend the civil service laws to the chief engineer and the first and second engineers of the fire department of the city of Brockton (House, No. 762).

Brockton fire
department, —
civil service.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Arlington (House, No. 1192).

Arlington fire
department, —
pensioning of
call members.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (House, No. 210) ought to pass.

Inmates of
penal in-
stitutions, —
physical
examination.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211) ought to pass.

State Depart-
ment of Health
— analysts
and chemists.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ police officers for temporary service (printed as Senate, No. 153) ought to pass.

Metropolitan
Park Com-
mission, —
temporary
police officers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Norfolk county,
— salary of
second assistant
clerk of courts.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of courts for the county of Norfolk (House, No. 629, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "twenty-two hundred and fifty", and inserting in place thereof the words "two thousand"). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Horses hired by
the National
Guard, —
compensation
of owners.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve providing for compensating sundry persons for the loss of horses hired by the National Guard prior to the departure of said guard for the Mexican border in June, 1916 (House, No. 741).

Mrs. W. L.
Putnam, —
compensation.

By Mr. Richards of Malden, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for reimbursing Mrs. W. L. Putnam of Boston for information obtained for the Adjutant-General relative to state aids and allotments (House, No. 876).

Troop C, First
Squadron of
Cavalry.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of members of the former Troop C, First Squadron of the Massachusetts Cavalry (House, No. 1011).

Members of
the General
Court, —
travelling
allowances.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1191), a Bill increasing the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of members of the General Court.

Adult blind,
— home
instruction.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the committee on Social Welfare, on the recommendations of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 230), a Bill relative to the instruction of the adult blind at their homes (printed in House, No. 230).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:
Relative to the color of lights required on motor vehicles; and
To provide a discount on advance payments of inheritance taxes;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve requiring the Metropolitan Park Commission to report relative to the reconstruction of Neponset bridge and its approaches (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1074) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the counting of ballots under the law providing for submitting to the voters questions of public policy;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of George H. Jackson that parents and guardians be made criminally responsible for certain injuries to children;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 304) of John F. Duffy and others relative to the present bond requirements in the municipal court of the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 495) of John F. Duffy that the recommending of attorneys in connection with furnishing bail in criminal cases be prohibited;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 972) of Robert Robinson relative to allowing defendants in criminal cases to investigate the witnesses offered by the Commonwealth; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 973) of Robert Robinson and another relative to allowing continuances to defendants in criminal proceedings;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Barnet Lerner relative to the suspension of the licenses of junk dealers;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 722) of M. Birmingham and others that towns be required to appoint inspectors of wires;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 864) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures for an amendment of the law relative to the selling of cord wood; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 865) of Benjamin H. Hunt, Jr., that candy and confectionery placed in cold storage shall be so marked; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 24) of Charles E. Burbank that women be eligible for service on boards of health;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 959) of C. A. Winchester that party enrollments as a requisite for voting at primary elections be abolished;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 625) of David J. Maloney that veterans of the Spanish American war be exempted from certain provisions of the civil service rules and regulations; and

Of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 57) of the selectmen of the town of Southbridge for legislation to require or authorize the intervention of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation in proceedings for the abolition of certain grade crossings in said town;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the inspection of buildings (House, No. 181);

To consolidate the Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society under the name of Massachusetts Baptist Convention, and for other purposes (House, No. 502);

To revive the charter of the Millett Sanatorium of Brockton (House, No. 866);

Relative to preferential voting at city elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 1219);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain bridge securities of the town of Watertown (Senate, No. 249); and

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 250);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the taking of trout (House, No. 44);

Relative to the taking of salmon (House, No. 45);

Relative to the medical examination of applicants for life insurance (House, No. 118);

To extend the veto power of the mayor of the city of Lynn (House, No. 378, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Making appropriations for the maintenance of parks, parkways and boulevards under the control of the Metropolitan Park Commission and for the maintenance of the sewerage and water systems under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (House, No. 1212);

To exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes (House, No. 1213);

Relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214); and

Relative to the incorporation of total disability benefits in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1216);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the superintendent of streets of the city of Chicopee (Senate, No. 48); and

To establish the salary of the mayor of the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 79, changed and amended);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 721) of M. Birmingham and others relative to appeals from the decisions of wire inspectors, was considered.

Mr. Corrigan of Natick moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Wednesday next; and this motion after debate was negatived.

The report was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the nomination by state conventions of candidates for the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General (House, No. 1218) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 86 to 28.

The Bill relative to fishing in Westport river (House, No. 573) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Gibson of Hanover, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, February 12, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Report.

Statistics of
manufactures.

The thirty-first annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics on the statistics of manufactures (Pub. Doc. No. 36), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Gas meters, —
safety devices.

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 167) of John J. Kearney that provision be made for an investigation relative to the advisability and feasibility of the use of safety devices on gas meters;

Candidates, —
information.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of the United Improvement Association of Boston for the furnishing of additional information regarding candidates for elective offices; and

City elections,
— political
designations.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 956) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the use of political designations or marks at city elections be prohibited;

Associations
and trusts, —
small loans.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of William J. Stanton and another that certain associations and non-incorporated trusts be included under the provisions of the small loans act; and

Locomotives, —
automatic
fire doors.

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Waldo D. Phelps that locomotives operated by steam be equipped with automatic fire doors;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Municipal
borrowing.
Assessing of
taxes.

Relative to the borrowing of money by cities and towns in anticipation of certain receipts (printed as House, No. 202);

Relative to the duty and manner of assessing taxes (printed as House, No. 203);

Town loans.

To permit towns to include income tax receipts as a basis for certain loans (printed as House, No. 204);

(Severally reported on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics, House, No. 201);

To authorize the Warren Institution for Savings to hold additional real estate in the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 108) (reported on a petition); and

Warren Institution for Savings.

Relative to the interest on loans of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 256) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1125);

Boston, — interest on loans.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A petition of I. C. Lawrence and others in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Intoxicating liquors, — national prohibition.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 577) of Peter I. Adams relative to the punishment of persons convicted of the theft of fruits, vegetables and crops.

Fruits and vegetables, — theft.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 30) of Thomas H. Bates and others that the amount of bond or bail shall be a lien upon real estate owned by the giver.

Bail bonds, — liens on real estate.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 698) of the Massachusetts Bar Association relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Supreme Judicial Court, — sittings.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 699) of Robert M. Bowen that certain acts of the chief deputy sheriff for attendance upon the Superior Court of the county of Suffolk shall be approved by the court.

Suffolk county, — acts of chief deputy sheriff.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 585) of Fred P. Greenwood relative to the removal of unjust and burdensome restrictions upon land.

Restrictions upon land, — removal.

By Mr. Robinson of Somerville, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 606) of Harold Williams, Jr., that Nellie Brightman be reimbursed for money expended in the publication of the history of the Fifth Massachusetts Battery of Light Artillery.

Nellie Brightman, — reimbursement.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 71) of W. H. B. Remington relative to midwives.

Midwives.

By Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, for the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of Edmund A. Whitman and others for the annexation to the town of Marshfield of a certain portion of the town of Duxbury.

Marshfield and Duxbury, — boundary line.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture

State Board of Agriculture, — lease of farm machinery.

to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 813, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1229).

Savings bank
employees, —
pensions.

By Mr. Swig of Boston, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the pensioning of employees by savings banks and institutions for savings (House, No. 553, changed by inserting after the word "paid", in line 14, the words "to any one person shall not exceed three thousand dollars and").

Vineyard
sound and
Buzzard's bay,
— fish traps.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a petition, a Bill relative to fish traps in Vineyard sound and Buzzard's bay (House, No. 116).

Motor vehicles
for hire, —
licenses.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire (House, No. 867, changed by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words "which accepts the act as hereinafter provided", and inserting in place thereof the words "as a predetermined place of operation").

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State registrar
of vital
statistics.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, on a part of the annual report of the following-named official (Pub. Doc. No. 46), a Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics.

Physicians, —
registration
and re-
examination.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Registration in Medicine (House, No. 205), a Bill relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states (House, No. 206).

Registration
of physicians
and nurses,
— fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the above-named board, (House, No. 205), a Bill providing for the payment of certain fees to the Board of Registration in Medicine and to the Board of Registration of Nurses (House, No. 207).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill relative to the preparation of the table of changes in the general laws and indices thereof (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 135) of Arthur E. Horton that provision be made for the appointment of a drainage board of survey;

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 474) of Alfred Morton Cutler and others for an investigation by the Su-

pervisor of Administration of the business methods of the bureau of war records in the department of the Adjutant-General; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 475) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the work of compiling a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion be discontinued;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 46) of Rocco Abruzzio and others that the employment of police officers as interpreters in criminal cases be prohibited;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 990) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the statements made by book and credit company representatives;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 152) of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct sidewalks and assess betterments therefor; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 826) of Francis B. McKinney that the city of Boston be authorized to maintain a surface drain in Shepherd brook in the Brighton district in said city;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 208) of James M. Curley, mayor, relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 395) of Ira H. Ellis and others for the payment by the Commonwealth of a sum of money to Joseph Hanreddy;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 742) of William F. French that the Adjutant-General be authorized to pay certain charges for transportation of the militia;

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 749) of the water commissioners of the town of Mansfield that the Mansfield Water Supply District be authorized to extend its mains and increase its water supply; and

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 530) of Charles S. O'Connor that van drivers employed by the county of Suffolk or the city of Boston be pensioned;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 482) of Charles H. Morrill for an amendment of the Constitution authorizing the General Court to pass laws providing for the recall of state, county and district officers;

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1072) of William H. Coblentz that the referendum on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Boston be taken once in four years;

Of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 62) of John Halliwell for the passage of resolutions favoring a national law regulating the employment of labor;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 183) of Edward F. McGrady that provision be made for the appointment of inspectors by the Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) of John W. Craig relative to preference for veterans in the civil service of the Commonwealth, cities and towns;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the establishment of the Mohawk Trail Reservation (House, No. 468); and

To establish the Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in the county of Worcester (House, No. 469);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed) were adopted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to provide by legislation for the drafting of aliens (House, No. 302) were adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, There are in the United States thousands of aliens between the ages of twenty and thirty-one years who, though physically and otherwise fitted for military or naval service, are exempt from all liability to be drafted for such or for any other service during the present war, which condition is unjust and inexpedient; therefore be it

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby requests the Congress of the United States to pass suitable legislation for the purpose of drafting aliens of the proper age for the military service of the United States, or for such other service in aid of the government during the present war as Congress may deem proper; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the national House of Representatives, and to the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolutions relative to the daylight bill, so-called, now pending in Congress (House, No. 938) were adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby urges upon the Congress of the United States the passage of an act providing that the time for general purposes in the United States shall be one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time during such period of the year as Congress may designate.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the presiding officers of the United States Senate and House of Representatives and to the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend the trapping laws (House, No. 39);

To provide for the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (House, No. 210);

To extend the civil service laws to the chief engineer and the first and second engineers of the fire department of the city of Brockton (House, No. 762);

Requiring transfers of funds appropriated for state departments to be approved by the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1224);

Relative to the provisions to be embodied in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1225);

To enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ police officers for temporary service (printed as Senate, No. 153);

To provide a teacher's retirement allowance to Jennie I. Ware (Senate, No. 16);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 247); and

Relative to the rate of interest on certain sewerage securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 248); and

The Resolve authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse certain persons for loss of wages (House, No. 1226);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To consolidate the Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society under the name of Massachusetts Baptist Convention (House, No. 502) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To revive the charter of the Millett Sanatorium of Brockton (House, No. 866); and

Relative to preferential voting at city elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 1219);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 87 to 20.

The Bill relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Arlington (House, No. 1192) was read a second time.

Mr. Burr of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out all of the section after the words "such member", in line 9.

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 26 to 62; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the rules be suspended that the bill might take its third reading forthwith; and this motion was negatived.

The Bill making appropriations for the Adjutant-General's department, for the State Guard and for certain other military expenses (House, No. 1222) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for promoting and stimulating the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 1223) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 1227) was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston the further consideration of the resolve was postponed until after consideration of the succeeding resolve.

Subsequently the further consideration of the resolve was postponed until Tuesday next, second in the orders of the day, on further motion of Mr. Hays.

The Resolve providing for certain recess expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 1228) was read a second time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the resolve be amended as follows:—

By striking out, in line 3, the words "seven thousand nine", and inserting in place thereof the word "twelve";

By striking out, in line 10, the words "pay of stenographers, for the editor of debates,";

By inserting after the word "bulletins", in line 11, the words "and postage"; and

By striking out, in lines 12, 13 and 14, the words "printing volume of debates and other matters incidental to preparation of work for the reassembling of the convention".

After debate Mr. Hays asked unanimous consent to withdraw the amendments. Objection was made.

The same member then moved that the resolution be amended as follows:—

By striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "seven thousand nine hundred and forty-five", and inserting in place thereof the words "three thousand five hundred and ninety-five"; and

By striking out, in lines 12, 13 and 14, the words "printing volume of debates and other matters incidental to preparation of work for the reassembling of the convention".

After further debate Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to the inspection of buildings (House, No. 181) was read a third time.

After debate (Mr. Warner of Taunton being in the chair) Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock (Mr. Warner being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, February 13, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Report.

Statistics of
labor.

The forty-eighth annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics on the statistics of labor (Pub. Doc. No. 15), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Orders.

Hour of
adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That, unless it shall be otherwise ordered, whenever the House is in session at half-past four o'clock P.M., the Speaker shall declare an adjournment.

Committee on
Ways and
Means, —
expenses of the
Constitutional
Convention.

The consideration of the following order, offered by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, was postponed until the next session, at the request of that member: —

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means shall report to the House, on or before Monday, February 18, all bills now pending before the committee relative to the expenses of the Constitutional Convention or to the compensation of members thereof.

Auditor of the
Common-
wealth, —
expenses of the
Constitutional
Convention.

The following order, offered by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be directed to report to the General Court, on or before February 18, a statement of the sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof. The report shall contain the general statement of the purposes for which the several sums were expended, without necessarily including the names of the persons to whom the money was paid or the special amounts paid to each person.

Justices of the
Supreme
Judicial Court,
— appropri-
ations by the
Constitutional
Convention.

The following order, offered by Mr. Collins of Edgartown, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be requested to inform the House of Representatives whether, in their opinion, the Constitutional Convention has authority to expend or appropriate money for the expenses of the Convention or for the compensation of its members.

Joint special
committee, —
investigation
of the fish
industry.

The following order, offered by Mr. Allen of Newton, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the fish industry in this

Commonwealth, and especially the methods employed in the marketing of fish, the circumstances affecting the current abnormal prices, the rapid increase in the cost to the consumer, the cold storage of fish as affecting the price thereof, the conditions attending the receipt of fish at the Fish Pier in Boston and the methods employed in disposing of the same, and the relation of the wholesale to the retail price. The committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation or other procedure as it may deem expedient; shall give public hearings; shall have authority to administer oaths and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents; may employ a stenographer at its hearings; may incur such other necessary expenses as may be approved by the Governor and Council; and shall make its report on or before March thirtieth in the current year.

Resolve Ordered Reprinted.

On motion of Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge the Resolve (introduced on leave) relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149) was ordered reprinted.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
referendum
on national
prohibition.

Petitions.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett presented a petition of the Protestant churches of Everett in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Bates of Quincy presented a petition of Edward J. Sandberg and others that the channel of Town river in the city of Quincy be improved by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Channel of
Town river
in Quincy, —
improvement.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn presented a petition of James E. Odlin and others that the Governor be authorized to continue the employment of temporary members of the District Police. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

District Police,
— employment
of temporary
members.

Papers from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston (see House bill printed as Senate, No. 207), came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 5 (as printed), the word "passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "taking effect."

Boston, —
water meters.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Lowell, —
widow of
George Teel.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Lucy Teel that the city of Lowell be authorized to pension the widow of George Teel. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1230) was referred to the committee on Cities.

State-aided
vocational
education.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of B. Preston Clark relative to extending state-aided vocational education during the period of the war. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) was referred to the committee on Education.

Dorchester
district of
Boston, —
tunnel.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the United Improvement Association of Boston relative to the construction of a tunnel in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1232) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Needham, —
expenses of
the State
Guard.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John A. Hirsch that the town of Needham be reimbursed for money expended for the State Guard. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1233) was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Walter H.
Young of
Dedham.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John Crawford and others that Walter H. Young be compensated for loss of pay and for expenses incurred by him while serving in the United States Army in the year 1917. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1234) was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

New Bedford,
— uniform
street railway
fares.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Albert Crossley and others relative to providing a uniform rate for street rail-

way transportation within the city of New Bedford. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) was referred to the committee on Street Railways, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Warren E. Tarbell that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the town of Sturbridge be validated. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1236) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Sturbridge
annual
meeting, —
validation.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton; for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William Roger Greeley and others relative to the administration of town affairs and to the adoption of a limited town meeting. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1237) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Administration
of town affairs;
limited town
meeting.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Andrew P. Doyle and another that a part of the town of Dartmouth be annexed to the city of New Bedford. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

New Bedford
and Dart-
mouth, —
boundary line.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of L. L. Vanderhoop and others relative to taking fish from Menemsha pond in the towns of Gay Head and Chilmark. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Menemsha
pond, —
fisheries.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Charles A. Berry and another that said Berry be reimbursed for the loss of a farm building and its contents by fire set by two state wards. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Charles A.
Berry, — re-
imbursement.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of George Hornestein and another that employers of minors be required to furnish certain information to parents. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The

Employers of
minors, —
information
for parents.

House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

House rules
for the
present
session.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the House and measures for expediting its business, that, in addition to Rules 20 and 21, already adopted, the rules of the House of 1917 be adopted as the rules for the present year. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and accepted.

Condemned
cattle, —
compensation
of owners.

By Mr. Bray of Buckland, for the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 943) of George B. Waterman relative to compensation for tubercular cattle condemned under the general law.

Co-operative
banks, —
loans from
other banks.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 551) of Joseph E. Freeling relative to loans by co-operative banks from national banks, trust companies, savings banks or co-operative banks.

Savings
banks, etc., —
first mortgages
of real estate.

By Mr. Merriam of Framingham, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to investments by savings banks and savings departments of trust companies in first mortgages of real estate.

Id.

By Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 949) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that savings departments of trust companies be required to invest at least forty per cent of their deposits in certain first mortgages of real estate. [Mr. McGrath of Boston, of the House, dissenting.]

Savings bank
officials, —
election by
depositors.

By Mr. Wood of Hopkinton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 552) of Daniel T. O'Connell that trustees and officers of savings banks be elected by depositors.

Elections, —
order of
names of
candidates.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 109) of Joseph O. Knox that the position of the names of candidates for Senator and Representative on the primary ballot be determined by lot.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 838) of Russell A. Wood relative to fixing the position of the names of candidates on the official ballots at state primaries and elections.

Cambridge
elections, —
order of
names on
ballots.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1070) of George H. Jennings and another relative to the position of names of candidates on official ballots in the city of Cambridge.

Referendum
on liquor
licenses, —
woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 61) of Edwin T. McKnight and others that women be permitted to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Merrimack
river, —
improvement.

By Mr. Bower of Lawrence, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of Frederick Butler and others relative to the improvement of the Merrimack river from the sea to Hunt's Falls in the city of Lowell.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 111) of James R. Tetler and another for the improvement of the Merrimack river. Merrimack river, — improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of George Ward Cook and another that provision be made for raising money for the improvement of the Merrimack river by the inhabitants of the Merrimack valley. Id.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to relations of husband and wife. Relations of husband and wife.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 971) of Robert Robinson relative to the filing of statements by justices of municipal and district courts upon declining jurisdiction in certain criminal cases. Jurisdiction of justices, — filing of statements.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of John T. Conton and another that holders of hunters' licenses be authorized to arrest certain persons. Licensed hunters, — making of arrests.

By Mr. Larocque of Fall River, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 347) of Carrie G. Barr relative to securing attendants for employment in hospitals for the insane. State hospitals, — employment of attendants.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of the Order of Patriot Dames of Massachusetts relative to the inspection of certain public and private institutions. Public and private institutions, — inspection.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, on a part of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Animal Industry (House, No. 24), a Bill relative to the requarantining of animals which have been released from quarantine (House, No. 26). Requarantining of animals.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a part of the recommendations of the Bank Commissioner (House, No. 29), a Bill relative to penalty for unauthorized banking (House, No. 31). Unauthorised banking, — penalty.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county of Essex to pay the balance of the salary of Edward B. George (House, No. 827, changed in section 2 by striking out, in line 1, the word "passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "acceptance by the county commissioners of the county of Essex"). Essex county, — widow of Edward B. George.

By Mr. Green of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 957 and 1071), a Bill relative to the challenging of voters at elections (House, No. 1241). Elections, — challenging of voters.

John H.
Meagher of
Worcester.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve to confirm the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1159).

John C.
Johnston of
Brookline.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve confirming the acts of John C. Johnston of Brookline as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1189).

Lanesborough,
— water from
Pittsfield.

By Mr. Haskins of Middleborough, for the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough (House, No. 480).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Relatives of
soldiers and
sailors, —
state allow-
ances.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a part of the recommendations of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions (House, Nos. 198 and 199) and on a part of petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, Nos. 10, 11, and 37, and House, Nos. 509 and 511), a Bill to provide for extra war allowance for certain relatives of sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1239).

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state pay.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, Nos. 10, 11 and 37, and House, Nos. 509 and 511) and on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 133, 134, 135, 311, 342, 446, 508, 601, 743, 744, 745, 1005 and 1006), a Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Brockton, —
Home for
Aged Men.

On motion of Mr. Maloney of Chelsea the vote was reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, concurred with the Senate in its amendments of the House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed).

Pending the recurring question the same member moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

Charles F. Flamand of the French Army.

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the French
Army.

At twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Mr. Charles F. Flamand, a native of Somerville, who addressed the House relative to his thirty-five months' experience in the French Army (8th Regiment of Artillery, 20th Army Corps).

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To authorize the town of Norwood to refund certain temporary loans;

To establish the tenure of certain officials of the city of Pittsfield;

To authorize the city of Pittsfield to pension Jason N. Shepardson;

Relative to the polling time at preliminary elections in the city of Methuen;

To provide a Saturday half-holiday for certain employees of the city of Quincy;

To authorize the city of Lynn to construct a highway through Pine Grove Cemetery;

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Florence J. Donoghue;

To place the chief of the fire department of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws;

To authorize the heirs of Ransom C. Taylor to construct and maintain a bridge over Tremont street in the city of Worcester;

To authorize the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works to maintain bridges over Wyman and Tainter streets in the city of Worcester;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To establish the salary of the mayor of the city of Taunton;

Relative to recounts after primary elections in the city of Boston;

Changing the form of nomination papers in elections in the city of Boston; and

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the superintendent of streets of the city of Chicopee;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve to enable Frederick G. Coker to continue in the service of the county of Middlesex beyond the age of compulsory retirement (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

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Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 30) of Thomas H. Bates and others that the amount of bond or bail shall be a lien upon real estate owned by the giver;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 577) of Peter I. Adams relative to the punishment of persons convicted of the theft of fruits, vegetables and crops;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 585) of Fred P. Greenwood relative to the removal of unjust and burdensome restrictions upon land;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 698) of the Massachusetts Bar Association relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial Court; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 699) of Robert M. Bowen that certain acts of the chief deputy sheriff for

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attendance upon the Superior Court of the county of Suffolk shall be approved by the court;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 606) of Harold Williams, Jr., that Nellie Brightman be reimbursed for money expended in the publication of the history of the Fifth Massachusetts Battery of Light Artillery;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 71) of W. H. B. Remington relative to midwives; and

Of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of Edmund A. Whitman and others for the annexation to the town of Marshfield of a certain portion of the town of Duxbury.

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of the United Improvement Association of Boston for the furnishing of additional information regarding candidates for elective offices; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 956) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the use of political designations or marks at city elections be prohibited; and

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Waldo D. Phelps that locomotives operated by steam be equipped with automatic fire doors;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to fish traps in Vineyard sound and Buzzard's bay (House, No. 116);

To authorize the pensioning of employees by savings banks and institutions for savings (House, No. 553, changed);

Relative to the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire (House, No. 867, changed);

To authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 1229);

Relative to the interest on loans of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 256);

To authorize the Warren Institution for Savings to hold additional real estate in the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 108);

Relative to the borrowing of money by cities and towns in anticipation of certain receipts (printed as House, No. 202);

Relative to the duty and manner of assessing taxes (printed as House, No. 203); and

To permit towns to include income tax receipts as a basis for certain loans (printed as House, No. 204);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the trapping of animals (House, No. 39) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To provide for the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (House, No. 210);

To extend the civil service laws to the chief engineer and the first and second engineers of the fire department of the city of Brockton (House, No. 762);

Relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Arlington (House, No. 1192);

To provide for promoting and stimulating the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 1223);

Requiring transfers of funds appropriated for state departments to be approved by the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1224);

Relative to the provisions to be embodied in policies of life insurance (House, No. 1225); and

To enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ police officers for temporary service (printed as Senate, No. 153); and

The Resolve authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse certain persons for loss of wages (House, No. 1226);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide a teacher's retirement allowance for Jennie I. Ware (Senate, No. 16) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain bridge securities of the town of Watertown (Senate, No. 249); and

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 250);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the inspection of buildings (House, No. 181), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further.

After debate the House refused to pass the bill to be engrossed.

The Bill to provide for the nomination by state conventions of candidates for the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, and Attorney-General (House, No. 1218) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "town", in line 18, the words "and the nominees of the party for the offices of senator and representative to the general court". This amendment was adopted.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the bill be amended by inserting before the word "secretary", in section 1, line 9, in section 2, lines 4 and 11, and in section 4, line 9, the words "governor, lieutenant-governor,".

After debate Mr. Nason of Haverhill moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Putnam of Lowell then moved the previous question; and this motion prevailed.

The amendments moved by Mr. Odlin were then rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 85 to 43. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 167) of John J. Kearney that provision be made for an investigation relative to the advisability and feasibility of the use of safety devices on gas meters, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, the report and petition were referred to the committee on Public Lighting. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of William J. Stanton and another that certain associations and non-incorporated trusts be included under the provisions of the small loans act, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, it was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211) was read a third time.

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Murphy of Boston moved that the House adjourn; and this motion was negatived.

After further debate, —

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of the order previously adopted, the Chair (Mr. Bliss) declared the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, February 14, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.**Prayer** was offered by the Chaplain.*Message from the Governor.***The following message, received from His Excellency the Governor, was read: —**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, February 14, 1918.*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I am enclosing you a communication from the Secretary of War, stating that negotiations by the United States were in progress for the acquisition by the Government for title to Great Brewster and Middle Brewster Islands, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, for the purpose of the construction thereon of fortifications with a view to making more adequate provision for the defence of said harbor.

Message from the Governor, — Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor.

Also is enclosed a draft of a bill sent me by the Secretary which I am appending to the letter. I urge that you give this matter your very earnest consideration.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill the message, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. (House, No. 1242.) Sent up for concurrence.

Annual Report.

The twelfth annual report of the Board of Registration in Embalming (Pub. Doc. No. 75), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Board of Registration in Embalming.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Greenwood of Everett, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on February 19 and 27.

Committee on Social Welfare, — travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the consideration of which was postponed from the preceding session, was withdrawn by that member, there being no objection: —

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means shall report to the House, on or before Monday, February 18, all bills now

Committee on Ways and Means, —

expenses of the
Constitutional
Convention.

pending before the committee relative to the expenses of the Constitutional Convention or to the compensation of members thereof.

Petition.

Watertown,
— rate of
interest on
bonds and
notes.

Mr. Monk of Watertown presented a petition of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Watertown relative to the rate of interest upon certain bonds or notes of said town. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

White pine
blister rust.

A report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 145) of Silas D. Reed that provision be made for compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports:

Vexatious
lawsuits.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 115) of John E. Beck that property owners, lessees and occupants be protected from vexatious lawsuits;

Norfolk county,
— jury waived
sessions.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 120) of Harold L. Perrin that the term of jury waived sittings in the Superior Court for the county of Norfolk be established;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw:

Dependents of
soldiers and
sailors, —
state aid.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 448) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to payments by the Commonwealth to dependents of soldiers and sailors; and

Soldiers and
sailors, —
compensation.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 510) of Lawrence F. Quigley that soldiers and sailors who reserve part of their federal pay shall receive a certain amount from the Commonwealth on the termination of service; and

Fall River,
— sewer
construction.

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 184) of James H. Kay, mayor, that the city of Fall River be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of sewer construction;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Board of
Education, —
granting of
degrees by
certain in-
stitutions.

A Resolve extending the time for the report of the Board of Education relative to the granting of degrees by certain institutions (Senate, No. 260) (new draft of a resolve reported on recommendations of said board, House, No. 363), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Nomination
papers, —
party
designations.

The House report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of O. Louis Wolcott and another that nomination papers

shall state the party enrollment or affiliation of candidates, came down accepted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the words "petitioners have leave to withdraw", and inserting in place thereof the words "petition be referred to the next General Court".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 263) of Andrew J. Peters, mayor, that the city of Boston be authorized to make appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston, —
appropriations
for municipal
purposes.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. McKeon of Worcester, for the committee on Legal Affairs, that the order relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors on those days on which manufacturing and mercantile establishments are closed in accordance with the recent order of the Federal Fuel Administrator, ought not to be adopted, for the reason that, in the opinion of the committee, no action in the matter is necessary. Read; and the order placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on adoption.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
suspension of
sale when
business estab-
lishments are
closed.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 535) of Charles H. Messinger that he be compensated for injuries received at the psychopathic department of the Boston State Hospital.

Charles H.
Messinger, —
compensation.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 681) of Charles A. Winchester that members of the police department of the city of Boston be granted one day off in every eight days.

Boston
policemen, —
days off.

By Mr. Foster of Springfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 105) of Homer P. Lewis that the authority vested in mayors and city councils relative to schoolhouses be transferred to school committees.

Cities, —
authority over
schoolhouses.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Charles H. Morrill that city governments be authorized to submit questions to the voters either voluntarily or by the initiative and referendum.

Cities, —
submission
of questions
to voters.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 305) of John F. Duffy and others relative to procedure in civil actions in the courts of the county of Suffolk.

Suffolk county,
— court
procedure.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 174) of Herbert C. Parsons that provision be made for a domestic relations session of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Boston munic-
ipal court,
— domestic
relations
session.

Personal
injuries, —
notice to
municipal
authorities.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 704) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the giving of notice to cities and towns in cases of personal injury.

Trustee
process.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 203) of Daniel J. McDonald and another relative to trustee process.

Unwholesome
food, — sale.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 126) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of decayed or unwholesome food [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, dissenting].

Beverly, —
department
of health.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of Paul S. Eaton and others that the city of Beverly be authorized to create a department of health.

Cold storage
food products,
— sale.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 186) of Edward F. McLaughlin for the further regulation of the sale of cold storage food products [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, dissenting].

Municipal
lighting plants.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, for the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 452) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the vote required for the establishment of municipal lighting plants by cities [Mr. Nason of Haverhill, of the House, dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 453) of Charles H. Morrill that cities and towns be authorized to establish municipal lighting plants without the purchase of existing plants.

Gas meters, —
automatic
shut-offs.

By Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 760) of John P. Englert and others that gas companies be required to provide automatic shut-offs in connection with gas meters [Mr. Mealey of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Taxation, —
evasion.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236) as relates to agreements to evade taxation (accompanied by bill, House, No. 249).

Liquor licenses
fees, — dis-
tribution.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 15) of Henry W. Packer and another that the Commonwealth's share of the fees received for liquor licenses be increased.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 197) of Charles S. Lawler relative to the payment of license fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Legislative
documents, —
distribution.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for furnishing to applicants

copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court, ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1244).

By Mr. Foster of Springfield, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Springfield to take land for school purposes (House, No. 1168). Springfield, —
land for school
purposes.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton (House, No. 1158). Newton, —
John T. Roche.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser (House, No. 1201, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Boston, —
widow of
Joseph C.
Reiser.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 426), a Bill relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients (House, No. 1243). Counties, —
indebtedness
for hospitals.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to define the privileges of life insurance companies in assisting the government of the United States in the distribution and sale of Liberty Bonds and similar government securities (House, No. 1187, changed by adding at the end thereof the words ": *provided, however*, that this act shall be void upon the termination of the war between the United States and Germany"). Insurance
companies, —
sale of federal
securities.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to the powers and duties of the clerks of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 855). Boston Juvenile
Court, —
powers and
duties of clerks.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the board of health of the town of Rutland to license private hospitals and houses for the care of tuberculous persons (House, No. 884). Rutland, —
licensing
hospitals for
tuberculous
patients.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the taxation of household furniture (House, No. 245). Household
furniture, —
taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the taxation of property held for sewage disposal purposes (House, No. 246). Property held
for sewage
disposal
purposes, —
taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to discount on taxes (House, No. 253). Taxes, —
discount.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to abatements of taxes (House, No. 252). Taxes, —
abatements.

Tax Com-
missioner, —
powers of
assistants.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named official (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the department of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 243).

Transfer of
stock, — tax
evasion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the fraudulent transfer of stock to evade taxation (House, No. 250).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Surveyor-
General of
Lumber, —
powers and
duties.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the powers and duties of the Surveyor-General of Lumber (printed as Senate, No. 147, changed) ought to pass.

Income from
real estate, —
taxation.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257) ought to pass.

Town laws,
— revision and
codification.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for the revision and codification of laws relating to towns (House, No. 656) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Middlesex
county, —
messenger of
probate.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the duties and salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex (House, No. 630). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Judicature
commission.

By Mr. Burr of Boston, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 65), a Bill to provide for a commission to investigate the judicature of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1245).

Nicholas B.
Lake of
Salisbury.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Nicholas B. Lake of Salisbury (House, No. 526).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Certain state
officers, —
nomination by
conventions.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed the Bill to provide for the nomination by state conventions of candidates for the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General (House, No. 1218, amended).

After debate the motion was negatived, by a vote of 31 to 83.

Gas meters, —
safety devices.

On motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford the vote was reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, referred to the committee on Public Lighting the report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 167) of John J. Kearney that provision be made for an investigation relative to

the advisability and feasibility of the use of safety devices on gas meters.

On the recurring question the motion to commit was negatived. The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

Sergeant William H. Pineo.

At sixteen minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Sergeant William H. Pineo of the 20th Battalion, Second Canadian Expeditionary Force, who addressed the House briefly as to his experiences in France.

Sergeant
William H.
Pineo of
Canada.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Enabling the Commonwealth to accept federal aid in the construction of rural post roads; Bills enacted.

Increasing the sum that may be expended to acquire land for the Dedham registry of deeds; and

To authorize the city of Cambridge to pay certain bills contracted by city officials in excess of appropriations;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Edmund F. Merriam of Brookline (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 943) of George B. Waterman relative to compensation for tubercular cattle condemned under the general law; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 551) of Joseph E. Freeling relative to loans by co-operative banks from national banks, trust companies, savings banks or co-operative banks;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 552) of Daniel T. O'Connell that trustees and officers of savings banks be elected by depositors;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to investments by savings banks and savings departments of trust companies in first mortgages of real estate; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 949) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that savings departments of trust companies be required to invest at least forty per cent of their deposits in certain first mortgages of real estate;

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 61) of Edwin T. McKnight and others that women be permitted to vote

on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 109) of Joseph O. Knox that the position of the names of candidates for Senator and Representative on the primary ballot be determined by lot;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 838) of Russell A. Wood relative to fixing the position of the names of candidates on the official ballots at state primaries and elections; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1070) of George H. Jennings and another relative to the position of names of candidates on official ballots in the city of Cambridge;

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 111) of James R. Tetler and another for the improvement of the Merrimack river; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of Frederick Butler and others relative to the improvement of the Merrimack river from the sea to Hunt's Falls in the city of Lowell;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of George Ward Cook and another that provision be made for raising money for the improvement of the Merrimack river by the inhabitants of the Merrimack valley;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of John T. Conton and another that holders of hunters' licenses be authorized to arrest certain persons;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 971) of Robert Robinson relative to the filing of statements by justices of municipal and district courts upon declining jurisdiction in certain criminal cases; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to relations of husband and wife;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 347) of Carrie G. Barr relative to securing attendants for employment in hospitals for the insane; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of the Order of Patriot Dames of Massachusetts relative to the inspection of certain public and private institutions;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the requarantining of animals which have been released from quarantine (House, No. 26);

Relative to penalty for unauthorized banking (House, No. 31);

To extend the time within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough (House, No. 480);

To authorize the county of Essex to pay the balance of the salary of Edward B. George (House, No. 827, changed); and

Relative to the challenging of voters at elections (House, No. 1241); and

Resolves:

To confirm the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1159); and

Confirming the acts of John C. Johnston of Brookline as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1189);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to fish traps in Vineyard sound and Buzzard's bay (House, No. 116);

To authorize the pensioning of employees by savings banks (House, No. 553, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire (House, No. 867, changed); and

To authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 1229);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 247);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain sewerage securities of the town of Wellesley (Senate, No. 248);

Relative to the interest on loans of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 256);

To authorize the Warren Institution for Savings to hold additional real estate in the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 108);

Relative to the borrowing of money by cities and towns in anticipation of certain receipts (printed as House, No. 202);

Relative to the duty and manner of assessing taxes (printed as House, No. 203);

To permit towns to include income tax receipts as a basis for certain loans (printed as House, No. 204);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Murphy of Boston; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 46 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burr, Arthur E.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dennis, George F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Frothingham, Charles B.

Messrs. Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartsorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.

Messrs. Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.

Messrs. Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

NATS.

Messrs. Bagshaw, James T.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Cahman, John B.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.

Messrs. Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Winchester, Charles A.

149 yeas; 46 nays.

[The committee on Education and the committee on Public Institutions were absent on official business.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the Adjutant-General's department, for the State Guard and for certain other military expenses (House, No. 1222) was read a third time.

Mr. Newhall of Stoneham moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in line 42, the word "two", and inserting in place thereof the word "one"; and by striking out, in line 60, the figures "144,000", and inserting in place thereof the figures "44,000".

After debate the amendments were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At ten minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Higgins of Taunton, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, February 15, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

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Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

On motion of Mr. Odlin of Lynn the Resolutions (accompanying the petition of Horace D. King) ratifying the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States relative to the prohibition of the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors and the importation and exportation thereof (House, No. 114) were ordered reprinted.

Petitions.

Chelsea city
officials, —
tenure of
office.

Mr. Maloney of Chelsea presented a petition of David J. Maloney relative to the tenure of office of the city treasurer, the city auditor and the clerk of committees of the city of Chelsea. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Brockton, —
indebtedness
for water
purposes.

Mr. Manning of Brockton presented a petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, that the city of Brockton be authorized to incur additional indebtedness for water purposes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Income tax
returns, —
regulations.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of William D. Trefry for further regulation of income tax returns. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Taunton, —
municipal
light com-
mission.

A report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 158) of William J. Davison and others that a municipal light commission be established in the city of Taunton, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Dorchester
Trust
Company.

A Bill to authorize the Dorchester Trust Company to hold additional real estate (Senate, No. 58, changed) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

General Court,
— mileage
for door-
keepers and
assistant
doorkeepers.

A Bill to authorize the payment of compensation for travel to the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court (Senate, No. 163, amended) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 163, and House, No. 620); and

Resolves:

Directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate the subject of protecting the banks of Lower Mystic lake in the town of Arlington (Senate, No. 258) (substituted for a Senate report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by resolve, House, No. 736); and

Lower Mystic lake in Arlington, — protection of banks.

Directing the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to investigate and report as to the cost of a sewer adequate to prevent the polluting of the Mystic lakes (Senate, No. 259) (substituted for a Senate report, no legislation necessary, on a special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission, House, No. 10);

Mystic lakes, — protection from pollution.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Bridgewater to impose sewer assessments (House, No. 655) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Bridgewater, — sewer assessments.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

A special report of the Boston Transit Commission relative to extension of the Boston subway system (Senate, No. 262) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Boston, — extension of subway system.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 953) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the powers of the mayor of a city to remove heads of departments or members of a board be increased.

Mayors, — increased power over heads of departments.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 242) of John F. Greene of Cambridge for reinstatement as a member of the police force of said city [Mr. Fitzgerald, of the Senate, and Mr. Scigliano of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Cambridge police force, — John F. Greene.

By Mr. Austin of Somerville, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to placing the janitors of school buildings in the city of Somerville under the jurisdiction of the school committee of said city.

Somerville school committee, — jurisdiction over janitors.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 556) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to the construction of school buildings and the employment of school janitors in the city of Somerville.

Somerville, — school buildings and janitors.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 821) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge that said city be authorized to pension John F. Murray.

Cambridge, — pension for John F. Murray.

Cambridge. —
board of license
commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Obert Sletten and others relative to the appointment of a board of license commissioners in the city of Cambridge.

Construction
of public ways
by boards of
survey. —
damages.

By Mr. Mahoney of Peabody, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 306) of Lyman W. Griswold and others relative to damages to real estate caused by the construction of ways laid out by boards of survey.

Return of
executions.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 337) of Alfred Morton Cutler for an amendment of the law relative to the return of executions.

Husbands, —
damages for
loss of wives'
services.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 977) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to recovery of damages by the husband of a married woman for loss of her society, services or companionship through the negligent or wilful act of another person or corporation.

Small loans,
— interest.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 32) of Charles Adams that the maximum rate of interest on small loans be decreased.

Telephone
users, — com-
pensation for
interruptions.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of Philip P. Coveney that telephone users receive adequate compensation for injuries sustained by unwarranted interruption of service.

Public service
corporations,
— uniform
service.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1108) of Clarence W. Rowley that discrimination and abuses by public service corporations be prohibited.

Public service
corporations,
— compensa-
tion of officers
and employees.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1109) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the salaries or compensation of officers and employees of public service corporations.

South Ceme-
tery Corpora-
tion of Leyden,
— trust funds.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 410) of John W. Haigis that the South Cemetery Corporation of Leyden be authorized to use certain trust funds for the purpose of improving the cemetery.

Telephone
companies, —
charges.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, for the same committee, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 862) of Benjamin G. Collins that telephone charges within certain limits be prescribed.

Third class
buildings, —
building
restrictions.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 993) of Edward I. Kelley relative to removing certain restrictions concerning the construction and remodelling of buildings.

Sausage meat,
— sale.

By Mr. Morse of Danvers, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 609) of George P. Borlen relative to the sale of sausage meat [Mr. Jackson, of the Senate, dissenting].

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Salem to pension Michael P. Dugan (House, No. 1167).

Salem, —
pension for
Michael P.
Dugan.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the American Oriental Society to hold its meetings outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1107).

American
Oriental
Society, —
meetings.

By Mr. Burrell of Medford, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Chief of the District Police (House, No. 180), a Bill relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers (House, No. 182) [Messrs. Odlin of Lynn, Maloney of Chelsea and Blague of Springfield, of the House, dissenting].

Steam boilers,
— operation
and inspection.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the marking and description of gold (House, No. 597).

Articles of
gold, —
marking.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize certain corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (House, No. 444, changed by inserting in line 7, before the words "per cent", the word "five").

Corporations,
— contributions
for war relief.

By Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, for the committee on Towns, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1149), a Bill to consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury (House, No. 1157).

Amesbury, —
water and
sewer de-
partments.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, accepted the report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 61) of Edwin T. McKnight and others that women be permitted to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Referendum
on liquor
licenses, —
woman
suffrage.

After debate the motion was negatived.

Engrossed Resolve.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the trustees under the will of George H. Morrill (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 535) of Charles H. Messinger that he be compensated for injuries received at the psychopathic department of the Boston State Hospital, was accepted.

Orders of
the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 105) of Homer P. Lewis that the authority vested in mayors and city councils relative to schoolhouses be transferred to school committees; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 681) of Charles A. Winchester that members of the police department of the city of Boston be granted one day off in every eight days;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 174) of Herbert C. Parsons that provision be made for a domestic relations session of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 203) of Daniel J. McDonald and another relative to trustee process;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 305) of John F. Duffy and others relative to procedure in civil actions in the courts of the county of Suffolk; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 704) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the giving of notice to cities and towns in cases of personal injury;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 126) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of decayed or unwholesome food; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 186) of Edward F. McLaughlin for the further regulation of the sale of cold storage food products;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 760) of John P. Englert and others that gas companies be required to provide automatic shut-offs in connection with gas meters;

Of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236) as relates to agreements to evade taxation (accompanied by bill, House, No. 249); and

Of the joint committee on Ways and Means, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 15) of Henry W. Packer and another that the Commonwealth's share of the fees received for liquor licenses be increased; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 197) of Charles S. Lawler relative to the payment of license fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 115) of John E. Beck that property owners, lessees and occupants be protected from vexatious lawsuits;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 120) of Harold

L. Perrin that the term of jury waived sittings in the Superior Court for the county of Norfolk be established; and

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 184) of James H. Kay, mayor, that the city of Fall River be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of sewer construction;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of O. Louis Wolcott and another that nomination papers shall state the party enrollment or affiliation of candidates, was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Legal Affairs: —

Ordered, That, in the opinion of the House of Representatives, it would be greatly for the interest of the people of the Commonwealth if the sale of intoxicating liquors should be suspended on those days on which manufacturing and mercantile establishments are closed in accordance with the recent order of the Federal Fuel Administrator; and that the House, recognizing the wisdom of the statute that prohibits the sale of intoxicants on legal holidays, approves efforts making or to be made that will tend to decrease or discontinue such sale on the days specified in the said order of the Federal Fuel Administrator. And be it further

Ordered, That a copy of this order be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Bills:

Relative to the department of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 243);

Relative to the taxation of household furniture (House, No. 245);

Relative to the taxation of property held for sewage disposal purposes (House, No. 246);

Relative to the fraudulent transfer of stock to evade taxation (House, No. 250);

Relative to abatements of taxes (House, No. 252);

Relative to discount on taxes (House, No. 253);

Relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257);

Relative to the powers and duties of the clerks of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 855);

To authorize the board of health of the town of Rutland to license private hospitals and houses for the care of tuberculous persons (House, No. 884);

To authorize the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton (House, No. 1158);

To authorize the city of Springfield to take land for school purposes (House, No. 1168);

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser (House, No. 1201, changed);

Relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients (House, No. 1243); and

Relative to the powers and duties of the Surveyor-General of Lumber (printed as Senate, No. 147, changed); and

Resolves:

Providing for furnishing to applicants copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court (House, No. 1244); and

Extending the time for the report of the Board of Education relative to the granting of degrees by certain institutions (Senate, No. 260);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the requarantining of animals which have been released from quarantine (House, No. 26);

Relative to the penalty for unauthorized banking (House, No. 31) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To extend the time within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough (House, No. 480);

To authorize the county of Essex to pay the balance of the salary of Edward B. George (House, No. 827, changed); and

Relative to the challenging of voters at elections (House, No. 1241); and

Resolves:

Confirming the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1159) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Confirming the acts of John C. Johnston of Brookline as a justice of the peace (House, No. 1189);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be re-committed to the committee on Cities.

The recommendation was adopted; and, accordingly, the bill was recommitted.

The report of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Charles H. Morrill that city governments be authorized to submit questions to the voters either voluntarily or by the initiative and referendum, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to authorize city councils to submit

questions to the voters voluntarily or by the initiative and referendum (House, No. 481).

After debate the amendment was rejected. The report was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of Paul S. Eaton and others that the city of Beverly be authorized to create a department of health, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, the report and petition were recommitted.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 452) of Charles H. Morrill relative to the vote required for the establishment of municipal lighting plants by cities, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the vote required for the establishment of lighting plants by cities (House, No. 452).

After debate the amendment was rejected. The report was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 453) of Charles H. Morrill that cities and towns be authorized to establish municipal lighting plants without the purchase of existing plants, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Monday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 17 to 51.

Mr. Morrill then moved that the House adjourn; and this motion was negatived.

The same member then moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to authorize the establishment of municipal lighting plants (House, No. 453).

After debate the amendment was rejected. The report was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 448) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to payments by the Commonwealth to dependents of soldiers and sailors; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 510) of Lawrence F. Quigley that soldiers and sailors who reserve part of their federal pay shall receive a certain amount from the Commonwealth on the termination of service;

Were severally considered; and, on motion of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, in each instance, the further consideration of the report was postponed until Thursday next.

The Bill to define the privileges of life insurance companies in assisting the government of the United States in the distribution and sale of Liberty Bonds and similar government securities (House, No. 1187, changed) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for the revision and codification of laws relating to towns (House, No. 656) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Wednesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

At twenty-five minutes past twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Daggett of Somerville, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, February 18, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Thirty-second annual report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Pub. Doc. No. 39). Registration in Pharmacy.

Twelfth annual report of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston (Pub. Doc. No. 74). Boston Licensing Board.

Second annual report of the Supervisor of Administration (Pub. Doc. No. 119). Supervisor of Administration.

Petitions.

Mr. Brown of Woburn presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Reading relative to the rate of interest on water securities issued by said town. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. Reading, — interest on water securities.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of John A. Curtin that the Boulevard Trust Company be authorized to hold real estate in the town of Brookline. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. Boulevard Trust Company, — real estate in Brookline.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 816) of Frederick Butler that savings banks be authorized to invest in the notes of certain domestic manufacturing corporations; Savings banks, — investments.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Arthur Bower for an extension of the time within which polls shall be open in certain elections in the city of Lawrence; and Lawrence, — voting hours at elections.

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 885) of John J. Mulaney that the fee for the registration of master and journeyman plumbers be increased; Plumbers, — registration fees.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to define the number of the trustees of The Clarke School for the Deaf (Senate, No. 261) (reported on a petition The Clarke School for the Deaf, — trustees.

accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 231), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Peter P.
Monahan.

A Resolve in favor of Peter P. Monahan (Senate, No. 254) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, House, Nos. 34 and 41), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Gay Head, —
state reservation.

By Mr. Jones of Nantucket, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands relative to acquiring land in the town of Gay Head for a state reservation (House, No. 1643 of 1917).

Neponset river
meadows, —
agricultural
uses.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 210) of William J. McDonald that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to develop certain lands owned by the Commonwealth in Boston, Milton and Canton.

Michele Russo
and Thomas
Russo.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 995) of Michele Russo and Thomas Russo for the rescinding of a certain contract made by them with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

Reading, —
north metropolitan sewer.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 598) of Edgar O. Dewey and another for the completion of the extension of the north metropolitan sewer to the town of Reading.

Charles River
Basin, —
Broad and
Lechmere
canals in
Cambridge.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the damage, if any, which resulted to the wharves or walls along Broad and Lechmere canals on the Charles River Basin in the city of Cambridge by reason of the work of the Charles River Basin Commission (House, No. 806).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 997) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild a certain sea wall on Charles river in the city of Cambridge.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 998) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild certain wharves and walls along Charles river and Board and Lechmere canals in the Charles River Basin.

Greater
Boston.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 740) of Daniel J.

Kiley relative to the consolidation or annexation of certain cities and towns into a greater Boston.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1002) of Edward I. Kelley relative to the dredging of a basin between Wood Island park in the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop.

East Boston and Winthrop, — anchorage basin.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 157) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of veal.

Sale of veal.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Baxter of Lynn, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to retire and pension Warren H. McClain (House, No. 1184).

Lynn, — pensioning of Warren H. McClain.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill relative to demands to be made by collectors for the payment of taxes (printed as Senate, No. 54).

Collectors of taxes, — demands.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the committee on Military Affairs, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 396, 874, 875, 1007 and 1008), a Bill relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees enlisted in or drafted for the service of the United States. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Soldiers and sailors, — compensation from counties, cities and towns.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named commission (House, No. 192), a Bill to enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to do the work in the channels and canals of the Charles River Basin as required of it by chapter five hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten (House, No. 194).

Charles River Basin and Dam, — care and operation.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ additional watchmen at the State House (House, No. 775, changed in section 1 by inserting in line 2, after the word "employ", the words " , during the continuance of the present war and for one year thereafter,").

State House, — additional watchmen.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the city of Boston to pension Jacob Schaffer;

To authorize the city of Boston to pension Thomas J. Gorman;

Bills enacted.

Relative to the installation of water meters in the city of Boston;

To authorize the city of Worcester to pension Daniel T. Courtney;

Relative to the use of income from the water works of the city of Cambridge;

To establish a minimum wage for laborers employed by the city of Worcester;

To authorize the town of Great Barrington to take certain land for school purposes;

To change the name of the Harbor and Land Commissioners' Tide Water Fund to Waterways Fund;

Relative to the annual meeting of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and of its board of trustees;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk to sell certain land in the town of Randolph;

Relative to the approval of pay rolls, bills and accounts of persons in the service of any city other than Boston;

Making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To provide a teacher's retirement allowance for Jennie I. Ware;

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the city of New Bedford;

Relative to the rate of interest on certain bridge securities of the town of Watertown; and

Relative to the transfer of employees and laborers in the service of the Boston Transit Commission;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves
passed.

In favor of the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw:

Orders of
the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 242) of John F. Greene of Cambridge for reinstatement as a member of the police force of said city;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 555) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to placing the janitors of school buildings in the city of Somerville under the jurisdiction of the school committee of said city;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 556) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., and others relative to the con-

struction of school buildings and the employment of school janitors in the city of Somerville;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 821) of the mayor of the city of Cambridge that said city be authorized to pension John F. Murray; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 953) of Harry F. R. Dolan and another that the powers of the mayor of a city to remove heads of departments or members of a board be increased;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Obert Sletten and others relative to the appointment of a board of license commissioners in the city of Cambridge;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 306) of Lyman W. Griswold and others relative to damages to real estate caused by the construction of ways laid out by boards of survey;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 337) of Alfred Morton Cutler for an amendment of the law relative to the return of executions; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 977) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to recovery of damages by the husband of a married woman for loss of her society, services or companionship through the negligent or wilful act of another person or corporation;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 32) of Charles Adams that the maximum rate of interest on small loans be decreased;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 862) of Benjamin G. Collins that telephone charges within certain limits be prescribed; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 410) of John W. Haigis that the South Cemetery Corporation of Leyden be authorized to use certain trust funds for the purpose of improving the cemetery;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 993) of Edward I. Kelley relative to removing certain restrictions concerning the construction and remodelling of buildings;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1108) of Clarence W. Rowley that discrimination and abuses by public service corporations be prohibited;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1109) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the salaries or compensation of officers and employees of public service corporations; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of Philip P. Coveney that telephone users receive adequate compensation for injuries sustained by unwarranted interruption of service;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 158) of William J. Davison and others that a municipal light commission be established in the city of Taunton, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to authorize the town of Bridgewater to impose sewer assessments (House, No. 655) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the American Oriental Society to hold its meetings outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1107);

To consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury (House, No. 1157);

To authorize the city of Salem to pension Michael P. Dugan (House, No. 1167); and

To authorize the Dorchester Trust Company to hold additional real estate (Senate, No. 58, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the department of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 243);

Relative to the taxation of household furniture (House, No. 245);

Relative to the taxation of property held for sewage disposal purposes (House, No. 246);

Relative to the fraudulent transfer of stock to evade taxation (House, No. 250);

Relative to abatements of taxes (House, No. 252);

Relative to discount on taxes (House, No. 253);

Relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257);

Relative to the signing of documents by clerks of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 855) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton (House, No. 1158);

Relative to the sale by life insurance companies of Liberty Bonds and similar government securities (House, No. 1187, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the powers and duties of the Surveyor-General of Lumber (printed as Senate, No. 147, changed);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve extending the time for the report of the Board of Education relative to the granting of degrees by certain institutions (Senate, No. 260) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to permit co-operative banks to suspend certain mortgage payments by borrowers engaged in war service (Senate, No. 239, amended) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows: —

In section 1, by striking out, in lines 8, 9 and 10, the words "less such sum as will leave the balance of the loan a multiple of fifty dollars,"; and by striking out, in line 17, the words "the usual fine", and inserting in place thereof the words "such fine as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the bank for default by shareholders in payment of interest"; and

By inserting after section 2 the following new section: "SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the rights of junior incumbrancers."

Mr. Meyers of Cambridge then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of George P. Borden relative to the sale of sausage meat, was considered.

Mr. Morse of Danvers moved that the report and petition be recommitting; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Bill relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers (House, No. 182) was read a second time; and, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, it was recommitting to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The Bill to authorize certain corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (House, No. 444, changed) was read a second time; and, on motion of Mr. Odlin of Lynn, it was recommitting to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The Bill relative to the marking and description of gold (House, No. 597) was read a second time.

Mr. Maloney of Chelsea moved that the bill be recommitting to the committee on Mercantile Affairs; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The House then refused to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the board of health of the town of Rutland to license private hospitals and houses for the care of tuberculous patients (House, No. 884) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 2, the word "shall", and inserting in place thereof the word "may"; and by striking out section 3.

The amendments were adopted; and after debate the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for furnishing to applicants copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court (House, No. 1244) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the resolve be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for furnishing copies of documents pending before the General Court on payment therefor (House, No. 1246).

Mr. Bliss of Malden then moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until the next session; and this motion prevailed.

At eleven minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Baxter of Lynn (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, February 19, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Report.

The eighty-sixth annual report of the trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind (Pub. Doc. No. 27), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind.

Petitions.

Mr. Ferry of Northbridge presented a petition of Hiram L. Reynolds and others that the jurisdiction of the Second District Court of Southern Worcester be enlarged. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Second District Court of Southern Worcester, — jurisdiction.

Mr. Fleming of Somerville presented a petition of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor, for the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Somerville, — metropolitan drainage of Medford street.

Mr. Wasserman of Boston presented a petition of Jacob Wasserman relative to privileges on the Lord's Day of persons who refrain from secular business and labor during another period of the week. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Lord's Day, — persons observing other periods.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports:*

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 4) of Ezra D. Whitaker, mayor, and others that party designations be abolished in municipal elections in the city of North Adams;

North Adams, — political designations in elections.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 102) of John E. Beck that the assessors of the city of Chelsea be elected by the voters;

Chelsea, — election of assessors.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of John I. Fitzgerald that provision be made for the appointment of deputy license commissioners in the city of Boston;

Boston, — deputy license commissioners.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of Martin

Sports and contests, — gambling.

Sports and
contests, —
gambling.

Hays that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be prohibited further;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of Joseph McGrath and George A. Thurston that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be further prohibited; and

Light and
power com-
panies, —
securities.

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 188) of William A. Brade that the issue of notes and other securities by light and power companies be further regulated;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Firemen and
their de-
pendents, —
state aid.

The House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out, in line 1, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Chief quar-
termaster and
superintendent
of armories, —
salaries.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the salary of the chief quartermaster and of the superintendent of armories of the militia. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1247) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent up for concurrence.

Committee
on Social
Welfare, —
travel.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on February 19 and 27.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Savings banks,
— investment
in certain
first mortgages.

By Mr. Swig of Boston, for the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 950) of Raymond P. Delano that savings banks shall be required to invest a certain percentage of their deposits in first mortgages of real estate located within the Commonwealth.

Metropolitan
Park Com-
mission, —
recommendations.

By Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 192) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 193 and 194).

Dorchester
district of
Boston, —
armory and
battalion of
infantry.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the committee on Military Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Charles A. Winchester for the establishment of an armory and a battalion of infantry in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a preliminary report of the following-named department (House, No. 11), a Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on a plan for the improvement of Hale's brook in the city of Lowell (printed in House, No. 11).

State Department of Health, — report on Hale's brook in Lowell.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to corporations which transmit intelligence by electricity (House, No. 238).

Telephone and telegraph companies, — supervision.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the taxation of tangible personal property (House, No. 248).

Tangible personal property, — taxation.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the instruction of the adult blind at their homes (printed in House, No. 230) ought to pass.

Adult blind, — home instruction.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238) ought to pass.

Soldiers and sailors, — state pay.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for extra war allowance for certain relatives of sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1239) ought to pass.

Dependents of soldiers and sailors, — war allowance.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill increasing the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of members of the General Court ought to pass (House, No. 1248).

General Court, — increased mileage for members.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Ellen F. Cody of Salem (House, No. 1118, changed by inserting before the word "dollars", in line 3, the words "two hundred").

Ellen F. Cody of Salem.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named official (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to appraiser in the department of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 239).

Tax Commissioner, — appraiser.

By Mr. Mahoney of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to the refunding of certain taxes on income (printed as Senate, No. 53).

Taxes on income, — refunding.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Mulveny of Fall River moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to order to a third reading the Bill relative to the marking and description of gold (House, No. 597).

Articles of gold, — marking.

After debate the motion to reconsider was negatived, by a vote of 19 to 81.

*Engrossed Bills.*Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the due date of income taxes and the payment of interest thereon;

To provide for a commission to hold and manage the high school stadium and athletic field in the city of Haverhill;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the duty and manner of assessing taxes;

Relative to the interest on loans of the city of Boston;

To permit towns to include income tax receipts as a basis for certain loans;

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities of the town of Wellesley;

Relative to the rate of interest on certain sewerage securities of the town of Wellesley;

Relative to the borrowing of money by cities and towns in anticipation of certain receipts; and

To authorize the Warren Institution for Savings to hold additional real estate in the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of
the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands relative to acquiring land in the town of Gay Head for a state reservation (House, No. 1643 of 1917);

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 210) of William J. McDonald that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to develop certain lands owned by the Commonwealth in Boston, Milton and Canton;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 598) of Edgar O. Dewey and another for the completion of the extension of the north metropolitan sewer to the town of Reading; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1002) of Edward I. Kelley relative to the dredging of a basin between Wood Island park in the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner):

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 740) of Daniel J. Kiley relative to the consolidation or annexation of certain cities and towns into a greater Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 998) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild certain wharves and walls along Charles river and Broad and Lechmere canals in the Charles River Basin;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the damage, if any, which resulted to the wharves or walls along Broad and Lechmere canals on the Charles River Basin in the city of Cambridge by reason of the work of the Charles River Basin Commission (House, No. 806);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 995) of Michele Russo and Thomas Russo for the rescinding of a certain contract made by them with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 997) of Frederic H. Viaux that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to rebuild a certain sea wall on Charles River in the city of Cambridge; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 157) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulation of the sale of veal;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 816) of Frederick Butler that savings banks be authorized to invest in the notes of certain domestic manufacturing corporations; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 885) of John J. Mulaney that the fee for the registration of master and journeymen plumbers be increased;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Lynn to retire and pension Warren H. McClain (House, No. 1184);

Relative to demands to be made by collectors for the payment of taxes (printed as Senate, No. 54); and

To define the number of the trustees of The Clarke School for the Deaf (Senate, No. 261);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the American Oriental Society to hold its meetings outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1107);

To consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury (House, No. 1157);

To authorize the city of Salem to pension Michael P. Dugan (House, No. 1167);

To authorize the city of Springfield to take land for school purposes (House, No. 1168); and

Relative to the issuance by counties of notes for the construction and equipment of hospitals for tuberculous patients (House,

No. 1243) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to permit co-operative banks to suspend certain mortgage payments by borrowers engaged in war service (Senate, No. 239, amended) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in these amendments and in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Resolve providing for furnishing to applicants copies of bills and resolves pending before the General Court (House, No. 1244) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading (that the resolve be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for furnishing copies of documents pending before the General Court on payment therefor (House, No. 1246) was adopted; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for certain recess expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 1228) was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston withdrew the first set of amendments previously moved by him, there being no objection.

The same member then moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 1227) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, second in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed) were considered; and after debate the House refused to concur therein.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Arthur Bower for an extension of the time within which polls shall be open in certain elections in the city of Lawrence, was considered.

Mr. Burr of Boston moved that the report and petition be referred to the committee on Cities; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Dorchester Trust Company to hold additional real estate (Senate, No. 58, changed) was read a third time.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

At eleven minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cooke of Worcester, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual and Special Reports.

State Exam-
iners of
Electricians.

The third annual report of the State Examiners of Electricians (Pub. Doc. No. 114), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Rivers and
streams, —
conservation
of water.

A special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, under chapter 113 of the resolves of 1915, and chapter 84 of the resolves of 1917, relative to conserving, utilizing and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and natural streams of the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Administration and Commissions. Sent up for concurrence.

Order.

Adjournment
over Febru-
ary 22.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, —
Ordered, That the hour of meeting on Thursday, February 21, be eleven o'clock A.M.; and that when the House adjourns on said day it adjourn to meet on the following Monday.

Document Ordered Reprinted.

State and
county em-
ployees, —
standardisa-
tion of salaries.

On motion of Mr. Whitman of Quincy the report of the Council, under an order of the General Court of 1916, relative to the standardization of the salaries and compensations paid to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (House, No. 1175) was ordered reprinted.

Petitions.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Wall of Worcester presented a petition of a mass meeting of voters held in the Stebbins Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and remonstrating against making the matter a subject of referendum; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Samuel B.
Capen
Memorial, —
taxation of
funds.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston presented a petition of Horace E. Dunkle that certain funds held by the Central Congregational Society of Jamaica Plain in West Roxbury be exempt from taxation. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 682) of Lawrence F. Quigley for a referendum on the question of the popular election of the members of the board of excise for the city of Chelsea; Chelsea, — election of board of excise.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of Lawrence F. Quigley that members of the police force of certain cities be granted certain time off duty; Policemen in cities, — days off duty.

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of William A. Bartlett for uniformity in the hours of opening and closing the polls at state primary elections; Primary elections, — voting hours.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Endicott P. Saltonstall that persons who are responsible for personal injuries to others be required to contribute toward the compensation of such injuries; and Persons responsible for injuries, — liability.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 988) of Joseph McGrath relative to preventing inspectors of certain departments of the Commonwealth and of the city of Boston from promoting the sale of any device for the protection or prevention of fire; State and Boston inspectors, — sale of fire prevention devices.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Resolve authorizing the printing of additional copies of a report of the Homestead Commission (printed as House, No. 1210) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading. Homestead Commission, — annual report.

The House report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge, came down recommended; and the House concurred in the recommittal. Cambridge, — listing of voters.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John A. Curtin that the Boulevard Trust Company be authorized to hold real estate in the town of Brookline. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1249) was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Boulevard Trust Company, — real estate in Brookline.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, that the city of Brockton be authorized to incur Brockton, — indebtedness for water purposes.

additional indebtedness for water purposes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1250) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Watertown,
— rate of
interest on
bonds and
notes.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Watertown relative to the rate of interest upon certain bonds or notes of said town. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1251) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

District Police,
— employment
of temporary
members.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of James E. Odlin and others that the Governor be authorized to continue the employment of temporary members of the District Police. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1252) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

East Boston,
— marginal
freight railroad.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of George P. Bingham and others for the incorporation of a marginal freight railroad company to operate in the East Boston district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1253) was referred to the committee on Railroads, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Income tax
returns, —
regulation.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William D. T. Trefry for further regulation of income tax returns. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1254) was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston, —
appropriations
for municipal
purposes.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 263) of Andrew J. Peters, mayor, that the city of Boston be authorized to make appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Blackstone, —
high school
building.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill,

Senate, No. 257) of Thomas F. Roche and others that the town of Blackstone may be authorized to incur indebtedness for the construction of a high school building. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipal Finance.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to the tenure of office of the city solicitor of the city of Chelsea. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Chelsea city solicitor, — tenure of office.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of David J. Maloney relative to the tenure of office of the city treasurer, the city auditor and the clerk of committees of the city of Chelsea. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Chelsea, — tenure of office of certain officials.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the methods and proceedings of the Boston Fuel Committee, under which coal has been sold or distributed in the city of Boston, and to ascertain how many carloads and how many cargoes of coal have been received by said Boston Fuel Committee, the total quantity of coal sold, the price at which the coal has been sold, and the amount of money received from the sale, — ought not to be adopted.

Joint special committee, — sale and distribution of coal in the city of Boston.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the order requesting the Auditor of the Commonwealth to report to the General Court, on or before February 18, a statement of sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof, — ought to be adopted, with an amendment striking out "February 18", and inserting in place thereof "March 1".

Auditor of the Commonwealth, — expenses of the Constitutional Convention.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate and report on the fish industry in this Commonwealth, and especially the methods employed in the marketing of fish, the circumstances affecting the current abnormal prices, the rapid increase in the cost to the consumer, the cold storage of fish as affecting the price thereof, the conditions attending the receipt of fish at the Fish Pier in Boston and the methods employed in disposing of the same, and the relation of the wholesale to the retail price, — ought to be adopted, with an amendment authorizing said committee to employ counsel.

Joint special committee, — investigation of the fish industry.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on adoption.

Public im-
provements
during the
war, — su-
pervision.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 939) of Allan Forbes and others for further supervision of public expenditures for public improvements during the continuance of the war.

Id.

By Mr. Holland of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 940) of Samuel J. Fowler for a suspension of unnecessary expenditure in public or public service enterprises.

Industrial
Accident
Board, —
abolition.

By Mr. Kelley of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 547) of John D. Mulloney that the Industrial Accident Board be abolished and that its powers and duties be transferred to the Superior Court.

Savings banks
and trust
companies, —
dividends.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 945) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the amount of dividends paid by savings banks and trust companies.

Bank officials,
— holding of
other offices.

By Mr. Young of Spencer, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 946) of Francis J. Finneran relative to preventing officers of trust companies or savings banks holding office in more than one such institution or in any realty company operating in the Commonwealth.

Public ad-
ministrators, —
additional
number.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1105) of Silvio Martinelli relative to increasing the number of public administrators to be appointed for each county.

Lord's Day, —
bootblacks.

By Mr. Browne of Cambridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 440) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to carrying on the business of bootblacks on the Lord's Day.

Chelsea, —
boxing ex-
hibitions.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 441) of Lawrence F. Quigley for the regulation of boxing exhibitions in the city of Chelsea.

Alewife brook,
— sanitary
condition.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 750) of Jay R. Benton and others for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

Boston retire-
ment system,
— certain
inspectors.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that sewer inspectors, street and sanitary inspectors and bridge tenders be included in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston.

Commission
on Probation,
— recommen-
dations.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the Commission on Probation (House, No. 232) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 233 and 234).

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 133) of Frederick Butler and others that minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen may be employed in bowling alleys.

Minors, —
employment
in bowling
alleys.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Millicent Library Corporation Fund (House, No. 14).

Millicent
Library Cor-
poration Fund.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 531) of Etta C. Willard relative to providing a public check room in the State House.

State House,
— public
check room.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 650) of William A. Bartlett relative to the compensation of assessors.

Assessors, —
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 795) of Arthur L. Nason that the poll tax be abolished.

Poll taxes, —
abolition.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on the use of water from the Ipswich river ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1258).

Ipswich
river, —
report on
use of water.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 380), a Bill relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Waltham (House, No. 1256).

Waltham
employees, —
Saturday
half-holidays.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the residence of trustees of the Pratt Free School (House, No. 332).

Pratt Free
School, —
trustees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 488), a Bill relative to the charter of the Shirley-Eustis House Association (House, No. 1257).

Shirley-Eustis
House
Association.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to pilotage (printed as Senate, No. 63).

Pilotage.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill relative to a retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 356).

Boston retire-
ment fund, —
sewer
inspectors.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, that the Bill (introduced on leave) relative to the deposit of certain reports of hearings in the State Library (House, No. 374) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State Library,
— reports of
hearings.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill relative to interest payments under

County em-
ployees retire-
ment system,

— interest
payments.

the retirement system for county employees (printed as Senate, No. 161). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Motion to Reconsider.

Dorchester
Trust Com-
pany, — addi-
tional real
estate.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to pass to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to authorize the Dorchester Trust Company to hold additional real estate (Senate, No. 58, changed).

The same member moved that the consideration of the motion to reconsider be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 49 to 106.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved that the further consideration of the motion to reconsider be postponed until Monday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The motion to reconsider was then negatived.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the taking of trout;

Relative to the taking of salmon;

Relative to preferential voting at Newton city elections;

Extending the open season for taking fish in Westport river;

To extend the veto power of the mayor of the city of Lynn;

Relative to the medical examination of applicants for life insurance;

To authorize the town of Bridgewater to impose sewer assessments;

To revive the corporation known as the Millett Sanatorium, Incorporated;

To restrict the granting of certain exemptions of income to married persons;

Relative to the incorporation of total disability benefits in policies of life insurance; and

To provide for the construction of fish weirs, nets and traps beyond established harbor lines;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve extending the time for the report of the Board of Education relative to the granting of degrees by certain institutions (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 950) of Raymond P. Delano that savings banks shall be required to invest

a certain percentage of their deposits in first mortgages of real estate located within the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 192) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 193 and 194);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 4) of Ezra D. Whitaker, mayor, and others that party designations be abolished in municipal elections in the city of North Adams;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 102) of John E. Beck that the assessors of the city of Chelsea be elected by the voters; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of John I. Fitzgerald that provision be made for the appointment of deputy license commissioners in the city of Boston;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of Martin Hays that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be prohibited further; and

On the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of Joseph McGrath and George A. Thurston that gambling in connection with certain sports and contests be further prohibited; and

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 188) of William A. Brade that the issue of notes and other securities by light and power companies be further regulated;

Were severally accepted; in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214) was considered; and the House refused to concur therein.

Bills:

Relative to the instruction of the adult blind at their homes (printed in House, No. 230);

Relative to corporations which transmit intelligence by electricity (House, No. 238);

Relative to the taxation of tangible personal property (House, No. 248); and

Increasing the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of members of the General Court (House, No. 1248); and

The Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on a plan for the improvement of Hale's brook in the city of Lowell (printed in House, No. 11);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to retire and pension Warren H. McClain (House, No. 1184) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to define the number of the trustees of The Clarke School for the Deaf (Senate, No. 261) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the revision and codification of laws relating to towns (House, No. 656) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Magee of Winthrop moved that the resolve be recommit-
ted to the committee on Towns; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Charles A. Winchester for the establishment of an armory and a battalion of infantry in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, was considered.

Mr. Winchester of Boston moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238) was read a second time.

Mr. Murphy of Boston moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 1 the words "The provisions of the said chapters two hundred and eleven and three hundred and thirty-two shall continue in force until the termination of the present war with the German empire as the date of termination may be defined by the federal government by act of congress."

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 4 the following new section: SECTION 5. Section one of chapter two hundred and eleven of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "After the fifteenth day of January, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and until the fifteenth day of January, nineteen hundred and nineteen, unless the service be sooner terminated, the above allotment of ten dollars per month shall be paid only in those cases where the soldier or sailor allot the same to a wife, mother or minor child. In every other case the monthly allowance shall be only five dollars."

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Murphy the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston; and on the roll call 90 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Ernest W.
Bagshaw, James T.
Bartlett, Herbert A.

Messrs. Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Bessette, Alfred M.

Messrs. Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.

Messrs. Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Worrall, George M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.

Messrs. Boothman, Cornelius
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burr, Arthur E.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.

Messrs. Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morse, George D.

Messrs. Moulton, J. Warren
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

90 yeas; 133 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Murphy was rejected.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer of Ware the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that member; and on the roll call 91 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bower, Arthur
 Brunell, George J.

Messrs. Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.

Messrs. Craig, William F.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Emery, Carl C.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Freeling, Joseph E.
Frothingham, Charles B.
Furness, Howard F.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Green, Thomas H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Holland, William J.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.
Larocque, Ernest A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Mahoney, John P.
Mahoney, William H.
Malone, Michael F.
Manning, Frank A.
Manning, William J.
Martin, Robert B.

Messrs. McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McIntosh, David S.
McKeon, Francis P.
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Mitchell, John
Morrison, James
Moynihan, James J.
Mulveny, Frank
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
Nourse, George L.
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Odlin, James E.
Osborne, John N.
Pepin, Chauncey
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Scighiano, Edward A.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Swig, Simon
Walker, George
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonsen, Carlton W.
Worrall, George M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Barry, Joseph L.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.

Messrs. Browne, Arthur S.
Burr, Arthur E.
Butler, Frederick
Carrick, George H.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Cooke, Harry A.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corey, Edwin S.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Dennis, George F.
Dow, James B.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Ferry, James R.
Fleming, William
Foster, William
French, William F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Gould, Charles W.

Messrs. Granger, Clarence H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.

Messrs. Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

91 yeas; 132 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was rejected.

On the question on ordering the bill to a third reading the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Warner of Taunton; and on the roll call 217 members voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.

Messrs. Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.

Messrs. Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burr, Arthur E.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Fresling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.

Messrs. Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Hayes, James W.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.

Messrs. Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Seigliano, Edward A.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.

Messrs. Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worral, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

217 years; 0 days.

Therefore the bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton the following documents were ordered printed in the Journal of the House: —

Communication from the Assistant Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
 WASHINGTON, January 14, 1918.

HON. JOHN W. WEEKS, *United States Senate.*

Soldiers and
 sailors, —
 state and
 federal pay.

MY DEAR SENATOR WEEKS: — In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 3rd instant I referred to the Judge Advocate General for examination the matter of the bill pending in the legislature of Massachusetts renewing a compensation of ten dollars a month for Massachusetts volunteers and adding ten dollars a month to the pay of selected men from that State, which matter was brought to your attention by the Honorable Benjamin Loring Young of the Massachusetts Legislature in a communication inclosed with your letter to me.

As a result of his examination the Judge Advocate General has reported that at the time of the enactment of the first Massachusetts statute on the subject the minimum pay of enlisted men in the Army was \$15 a month; that subsequently the minimum pay was raised to \$30 a month; so that the United States has increased the pay of the enlisted man since the enactment of the first Massachusetts statute by an amount greater than that provided for in said statute. He also points out that in addition to increasing the minimum pay of enlisted men the

United States has, by the passage of the War Risk Insurance Act, made liberal provision for the support of their dependents during the period of war service. The Judge Advocate General, in view of these liberal provisions and in view of the improbability of other States enacting similar statutes increasing the pay of their contingents, and having regard also to the desirability that all enlisted men of the same grade should receive the same compensation, advises against the enactment of the Massachusetts statute.

I concur in the view expressed by the Judge Advocate General, with the understanding, however, that the War Department expresses no opinion upon any action the State of Massachusetts may consider with regard to the relief of families of soldiers of that State who may be found to need relief.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) BENEDICT CROWELL,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Communication from the Capital Issues Committee of the Federal Reserve Board.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,
WASHINGTON, February 2, 1918.

DEAR SIR: — Your letter of January twenty-third, addressed to Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, has been referred to the Capital Issues Committee of the Federal Reserve Board for reply.

You state that at the suggestion of Treasurer Burrill and Hon. Channing H. Cox, Speaker of the House, you ask for an official ruling of the Treasury Department upon a contemplated issue of \$12,000,000 Massachusetts State bonds, probably bearing interest at 5%.

No doubt you have noticed in the public press that the Secretary of the Treasury has requested the Federal Reserve Board to take upon itself the duty of giving advice in such cases as are submitted to it, as to the question of whether or not a contemplated issue or sale of bonds or stock at this time is compatible with and essential to the public welfare.

The Federal Reserve Board has appointed three of its members as a committee to pass upon such "capital issues." The general functions of this committee have been laid down in a letter addressed to all Federal Reserve Banks, copy of which I enclose herewith.

You will see from the latter that the committee does not presume to exercise any legal authority in the premises. All that it undertakes — in compliance with requests that have come from all parts of the country — is to give its opinion, after careful consideration of the general financial situation (judging the question primarily from the point of view of the requirements of the Government at this time), as to whether or not — as above stated — the issue is to be considered as being compatible with and essential to the public welfare.

Compensation
of soldiers and
sailors, — pro-
posed bond
issue.

While the case of the contemplated Massachusetts bond issue has not been formally submitted, it has come to the attention of the committee and has been fully studied and discussed. Communication has also been had with the War Department concerning this issue; and information received from the Department is in full accord with its letter which you inclose, the conclusion of which reads:

"The Judge Advocate General, in view of these liberal provisions and in view of the improbability of other States enacting similar statutes increasing the pay of their contingents, and having regard also to the desirability that all enlisted men of the same grade should receive the same compensation, advises against the enactment of the Massachusetts statute.

"I concur in the view expressed by the Judge Advocate General, with the understanding, however, that the War Department expresses no opinion upon any action the State of Massachusetts may consider with regard to the relief of families of soldiers of that State who may be found to need relief."

Concerning the urgency of the expenses to be covered by any contemplated issue, this committee will be guided largely by the information which it may be able to secure from the various Departments involved. Therefore, in view of the quoted statement of the conclusions reached by the War Department, there is no doubt that if your case should be formally submitted to the Committee on Capital Issues, the committee would feel obliged to give its advice as adverse to the issue of the Massachusetts State loan for the purposes as stated.

You are aware, of course, that in addition to the question of the objects of the loan, the further objection arises — that is, that an issue of tax free securities by a State of the splendid credit of the State of Massachusetts — particularly if issued on a 5% basis — would compete indeed most seriously with the financing of the Government, and, furthermore, would be apt to deprive the Government of taxation which is very much needed at this time.

These conditions are of particular weight when judging the necessity of State issues at this time.

Very truly yours,

PAUL M. WARBURG.

Chairman, Capital Issues Committee.

Hon. B. L. Young, State House, Boston, Mass.

At three minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Young of Spencer, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

THURSDAY, February 21, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Fifty-seventh annual abstract of the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc., as assessed April 1, 1917, and compiled in the office of the Tax Commissioner (Part I of Pub. Doc. No. 19).

Polls, property, taxes, etc., — abstract of aggregates.

Twenty-sixth annual report of the Commissioner of Public Records (Pub. Doc. No. 52).

Commissioner of Public Records.

Papers from the Senate.

The following orders, approved by the joint committee on Rules, were severally adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on February 25 and 26.

Joint committee on the Judiciary, — travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Municipal Finance be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Brockton, on or before March 1.

Committee on Municipal Finance, — travel.

A report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 205) of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor of the city of Somerville, for the distribution of certain payments made by the city of Boston in connection with the cost of construction of the Charles River Dam and Basin, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Charles River Dam and Basin, — distribution of cost.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 273) of John D. Ryan, mayor of the city of Holyoke, for a change in the time when interest shall begin to run on unpaid taxes, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Taxation; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Unpaid taxes, — interest.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, for the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 110) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to further regulating the issuing of employment certificates to children under sixteen years of age.

Children under sixteen, — employment certificates.

Clerks of
courts, —
receipt of
papers.

By Mr. Gould of Milford, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1104) of Margaret E. Hobby and others relative to the filing of papers in the office of clerks of courts.

Associations
and trusts, —
small loans.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of William J. Stanton and another that certain associations and non-incorporated trusts be included under the provisions of the small loans act.

Construction
of buildings, —
municipal
authority.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 130) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to extending the authority of cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of buildings [Messrs. Monk of Watertown, Clauss of Cambridge and Blague of Springfield, of the House, dissenting].

Inspectors
of masonry, —
appointment.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 503) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that inspectors of masonry shall have had practical experience [Mr. Buckley, of the Senate, and Mr. Harrington of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

Frank Mc-
Donald, —
compensation
for injuries.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 888) of Charles A. Kelley and others that Frank McDonald be compensated for injuries received while an inmate of the Worcester State Hospital.

Savings banks,
— taxation
of income.

By Mr. Briggs of Plymouth, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 146) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to imposing a tax upon the income of savings banks and institutions for savings.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Innholders'
and victuallers'
licenses, —
revocation.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on the recommendations of the Board of Police for the City of Fall River (House, No. 179), a Bill providing further cause for the revocation of innholders' and common victuallers' licenses (House, No. 1261).

Inmates of
public institu-
tions, — intox-
icating liquors.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 616), a Bill to prohibit the conveying of intoxicating liquors to and by inmates of public institutions (House, No. 1259).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To extend the time for completing the railroad of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation;

Abolishing the inspection of fish under the direction of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game;

To extend the civil service laws to the chief engineer and the first and second engineers of the Brockton fire department;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 547) of John D. Mulloney that the Industrial Accident Board be abolished and that its powers and duties be transferred to the Superior Court;

Orders of the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 939) of Allan Forbes and others for further supervision of public expenditures for public improvements during the continuance of the war; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 940) of Samuel J. Fowler for a suspension of unnecessary expenditure in public or public service enterprises;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 945) of Francis J. Finneran relative to the amount of dividends paid by savings banks and trust companies; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 946) of Francis J. Finneran relative to preventing officers of trust companies or savings banks holding office in more than one such institution or in any realty company operating in the Commonwealth;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 440) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to carrying on the business of boot-blacks on the Lord's Day;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 441) of Lawrence F. Quigley for the regulation of boxing exhibitions in the city of Chelsea; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1105) of Silvio Martinelli relative to increasing the number of public administrators to be appointed for each county;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 133) of Frederick Butler and others that minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen may be employed in bowling alleys; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that sewer inspectors, street and sanitary inspectors and bridge tenders be included in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the Commission on Probation (House, No. 232) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 233 and 234);

Of the committee on State House and Libraries, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Millicent Library Corporation Fund (House, No. 14);

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 531) of Etta C. Willard relative to providing a public check room in the State House; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 795) of Arthur L. Nason that the poll tax be abolished;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 682) of Lawrence F. Quigley for a referendum on the question of the popular election of the members of the board of excise for the city of Chelsea; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of Lawrence F. Quigley that members of the police force of certain cities be granted certain time off duty; and

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 988) of Joseph McGrath relative to preventing inspectors of certain departments of the Commonwealth and of the city of Boston from promoting the sale of any device for the protection or prevention of fire;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The following order was considered; and it was rejected, as recommended by the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate and three members of the House, be appointed to investigate the methods and proceedings of the Boston Fuel Committee, under which coal has been sold or distributed in the city of Boston. The committee shall ascertain how many carloads and how many cargoes of coal have been received by said Boston Fuel Committee, the total quantity of coal sold, the price at which the coal has been sold, and the amount of money received from the sale. The committee shall also ascertain what agents have been employed in the sale and distribution of the coal, and what compensation they received. The committee may give public hearings, shall have authority to administer oaths and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents, and shall be allowed such sums for necessary expenses as shall be approved by the Governor and Council. The committee shall report to the General Court not later than the fifteenth day of February in the current year.

The order requesting the Auditor of the Commonwealth to report to the General Court, on or before February 18, a statement of sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof, was considered: —

The amendment previously recommended by the joint committee on Rules (that the order be amended by striking out "February 18", and inserting in place thereof "March 1") was adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, as follows: —

Ordered, That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be directed to report to the General Court, on or before March 1, a statement of the sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof. The report shall contain the general statement of the purposes for which the several sums were expended, without necessarily including the names of the persons to whom the money was paid or the special amounts paid to each person.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate and report on the fish industry in this Commonwealth, was considered: —

The amendment previously recommended by the joint committee on Rules (that the order be amended so as to authorize said committee to employ counsel) was adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, as follows: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, and especially the methods employed in the marketing of fish, the circumstances affecting the current abnormal prices, the rapid increase in the cost to the consumer, the cold storage of fish as affecting the price thereof, the conditions attending the receipt of fish at the Fish Pier in Boston and the methods employed in disposing of the same, and the relation of the wholesale to the retail price. The committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation or other procedure as it may deem expedient; shall give public hearings; shall have authority to employ counsel, to administer oaths and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents; may employ a stenographer at its hearings; may incur such other necessary expenses as may be approved by the Governor and Council; and shall make its report on or before March thirtieth in the current year.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the residence of trustees of the Pratt Free School (House, No. 332);

Relative to a retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 356);

Relative to the deposit of certain reports of hearings in the State Library (House, No. 374);

Relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Waltham (House, No. 1256);

Relative to the charter of the Shirley-Eustis House Association (House, No. 1257); and

Relative to pilotage (printed as Senate, No. 63); and

Resolves:

Extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on the use of water from the Ipswich river (House, No. 1258); and

Authorizing the printing of additional copies of a report of the Homestead Commission (printed as House, No. 1210);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the instruction of the adult blind at their homes (printed in House, No. 230);

Relative to corporations which transmit intelligence by electricity (House, No. 238);

Relative to the taxation of tangible personal property (House, No. 248);

Increasing the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of members of the General Court (House, No. 1248); and

Relative to demands to be made by collectors for the payment of taxes (printed as Senate, No. 54); and

The Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on a plan for the improvement of Hale's brook in the city of Lowell (printed in House, No. 11);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 448) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to payments by the Commonwealth to dependents of soldiers and sailors, was considered.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 95 members were present. On motion of the same member the Sergeant-at-Arms was requested to secure the attendance of a quorum.

On the appearance of a quorum Mr. Quigley moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to payments by the Commonwealth to dependents of soldiers and sailors (House, No. 448).

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the amendment was rejected.

The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 510) of Lawrence F. Quigley that soldiers and sailors who reserve part of their federal pay shall receive a certain amount from the Commonwealth on the termination of service, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for extra war allowance for certain relatives of sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1239) was read a second time.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "sixteen", in line 9, the words "or any genuine dependent which may meet with the approval of the commissioner of state aid and pensions".

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence, the amendment was rejected.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 750) of Jay R. Benton and others for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, was considered.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville (House, No. 750).

After debate (Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston being in the chair) the amendment was adopted, by a vote of 54 to 25.

The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 650) of William A. Bartlett relative to the compensation of assessors, was considered.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the compensation of assessors (House, No. 650).

After debate the same member asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 79 members were present. On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden the Sergeant-at-Arms was requested to secure the attendance of a quorum.

On the appearance of a quorum the amendment was rejected. The report was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of William A. Bartlett for uniformity in the hours of opening and closing the polls at state primary elections, was considered.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The same member then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 118 members were present. On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden the Sergeant-at-Arms was requested to secure the attendance of a quorum.

Soon afterward Mr. Odlin of Lynn asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 128 members were present.

Mr. Bartlett then moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to establish uniformity of hours at state primary elections (House, No. 566).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 23 to 72. The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 854) of Endicott P. Saltonstall that persons who are responsible for

personal injuries to others be required to contribute toward the compensation of such injuries, was considered; and after debate it was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “within or without the commonwealth,”; by inserting after the word “act”, in line 12, the words “, whether a part of the quota of this commonwealth or not”; and by striking out, in line 13, the word “actual”;

In section 2, by striking out, in line 5, the words “an actual”, and inserting in place thereof the article “a”; and by striking out, in line 9, the words “or title”; and

In section 4, by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “or of any regulation adopted thereunder”; and by inserting before the word “claims”, in line 9, the word “fraudulently”.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion was adopted, by a vote of 61 to 18.

At nine minutes before one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Quigley of Chelsea (Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, February 25, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the number of assessed polls, registered voters and persons who voted in the 1917 primaries and elections, with recommendations relative to the election laws (abstract of Pub. Doc. No. 43), was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Election statistics for 1917.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Fourteenth annual report of the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine (Pub. Doc. No. 72).

Registration in Veterinary Medicine.

Eighth annual report of the Board of Registration of Nurses (Pub. Doc. No. 91).

Registration of Nurses.

Journal Ordered Reprinted.

On motion of Mr. Young of Weston the Journal of the House for Wednesday, February 20, containing copies of communications from the Assistant Secretary of War of the United States and the chairman of the Capital Issues Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, was ordered reprinted.

Reprint of Journal of February 20.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Greenwood of Everett, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on March 6.

Committee on Social Welfare, — travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Martin of Boston, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the relations existing between the officials and employees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and especially to determine whether or not there is or has been collusion between said officials and the Boston Car-men's Union, or between any representatives or organizations representing or acting for said officials and employees. The committee shall give public hearings; may employ counsel and a stenographer; shall have authority to administer oaths and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books

Joint special committee, — relations between officials and employees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

and documents; may incur such expenses as may be approved by the Governor and Council; and shall report its findings and recommendations on or before the thirtieth day of March in the current year.

Petitions.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett presented a petition of the Annual Conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Women's Auxiliaries to the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and remonstrating against making the matter a subject of referendum; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Lawrence, —
widow of John
F. Young.

Mr. Bower of Lawrence presented a petition of Arthur Bower that the city of Lawrence be authorized to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Young. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Westborough, —
ratification of
certain nomi-
nation papers.

Mr. Prescott of Grafton presented a petition of Joseph S. Gates that certain nomination papers filed in the town of Westborough be ratified. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was read; and it was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1262) was referred to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Boston fire
department, —
William F.
Johnson.

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Edward F. McLaughlin that William F. Johnson be reinstated as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston;

Bristol county,
— sittings of
Supreme Judi-
cial and Supe-
rior courts.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 66) of Joseph T. Kenney and another relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts for the county of Bristol;

State Guard,
— compensa-
tion of munic-
ipal employees.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 136) of Thomas Weston, Jr., that cities and towns be authorized to pay employees who enter active service with the State Guard or other unit of the organized military forces of the Commonwealth; and

Massachusetts
Highway Com-
mission, —
James J. Casey.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 215) of George E.

Curran that James J. Casey be reinstated in the service of the Massachusetts Highway Commission;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

To define the application of laws relating to the settlement of the estates of decedents (Senate, No. 124, amended);

Estates of decedents, — settlement.

Authorizing the city of Springfield to acquire for park purposes land in the town of Longmeadow (Senate, No. 230);

Springfield, — park land in Longmeadow.

(Severally reported on a petition);

Relative to the construction of sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston (Senate, No. 266) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 182); and

Boston, — sewerage works.

To permit the taking of animals from traps on the Lord's Day (Senate, No. 272) (new draft of House bill No. 39);

Lord's Day, — trapping of animals.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A Bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) (based on a part of a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 189), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Police, district and municipal courts, — salaries.

The House Bill to consolidate The Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society (House, No. 502) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. The said consolidated corporation may receive gifts in consideration of annual payments to be made by it to the donor or donors or to other designated persons, and it is hereby authorized to contract for the payment of the same, without rendering the property so given liable to taxation, and may, except where appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of trustee, receive and hold property in trust without judicial appointment, but in no case shall said corporation be required to furnish any bond as trustee or to render any account other than that appearing in its printed reports. All gifts heretofore received by either corporation hereby consolidated in consideration of annual payments to be made by it to the donor or donors or to other designated persons may be held and enjoyed by the said consolidated corporation, subject to such annual payments, without rendering said property liable to taxation."

Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
exemption
from poll taxes.

The House Bill to exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes (House, No. 1213) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments: In section 1, striking out, in line 1, the word "Citizens", and inserting in place thereof the word "Inhabitants"; and adding after section 1 the following new section: "SECTION 2. All taxes heretofore collected, including interest and costs paid therewith, which would be exempt from payment under section one, shall at the request of the person assessed, be refunded by the city or town receiving the same."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Brockton, —
Home for
Aged Men.

The House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments (in which the House had non-concurred) as follows: Striking out the words "Said corporation shall be exempt from the state income tax levied during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen based on the income of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen on funds held by the executors of said Howard for the benefit of said trust." (added by the committee at the end of section 1); and striking out section 2.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brockton the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes.

Reports of Committees.

Mount Grace,
— state forest.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of Paul W. Goldsbury for the establishment of Mount Grace in the town of Warwick as a state forest.

Killing of
dogs.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 942) of Wendell P. Thoré that the unwarranted killing of dogs be prevented.

Trust
companies, —
powers.

By Mr. Wood of Hopkinton, for the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 947) of Albert Mehlinger relative to the powers of trust companies.

Insurance
companies, —
support of fire
departments.

By Mr. Wall of Worcester, for the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 490) of Lawrence F. Quigley that fire insurance companies pay part of the cost of equipping and maintaining fire departments in cities and towns.

Lithuanian
Roman
Catholic
Alliance of
America.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 693) of John B. Mikalauskas that the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America be authorized to engage in the business of sickness, disability and life insurance.

Flats in Hull,
— state in-
vestigation.

By Mr. Benton of Belmont, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by re-

solve, House, No. 599) of John L. Donovan relative to an investigation by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of certain flats in the town of Hull.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 343) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the Commissioner of War Records be required to make an annual report to the General Court.

Commissioner of War Records, — annual report.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the publication of a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion.

Soldiers and sailors, — civil war records.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of William E. Weeks that the engineers, oilers and firemen in the employ of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board be exempted from the provisions of the civil service laws.

Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board employees, — civil service.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 637) of Rowland P. Harriman relative to the registration of motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles, — registration.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 923) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence relative to the appointment of a commission to assist the Commissioner of Corporations in securing a greater return from the taxation of domestic corporations.

Taxation of domestic corporations — greater return.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 924) of William A. Bartlett relative to establishing uniformity in the valuation of real estate by assessors.

Real estate, — uniformity of valuation.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to the acts making appropriations for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 1263).

Appropriation, — compensation of soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize savings banks to issue insurance policies on the lives of persons regularly employed in the Commonwealth (House, No. 694).

Savings banks, — life insurance policies.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dividends paid by insurance stock companies (House, No. 491).

Insurance stock companies, — dividends.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the salaries of clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts and of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 894). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Boston Juvenile Court, — salary of clerk.

Public schools,
— cost of medical inspection.

By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, for the committee on Education, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161), a Bill to amend an act relative to medical inspection in public schools (House, No. 167).

Boston, —
guard rails at
elevated and
subway
stations.

By Mr. Burke of Boston, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737), a Resolve providing for an investigation by the Public Service Commission relative to the maintenance of guard rails on platforms of elevated and subway stations in the city of Boston.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To provide for promoting and stimulating the production and conservation of food products (which originated in the House); and

To define the number of trustees of The Clarke School for the Deaf (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The Governor of North Dakota.

Governor
Frazier of
North Dakota.

At twenty-nine minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Speaker then introduced Honorable Lynn J. Frazier, Governor of the State of North Dakota, who addressed the House briefly.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 110) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to further regulating the issuing of employment certificates to children under sixteen years of age;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of William J. Stanton and another that certain associations and non-incorporated trusts be included under the provisions of the small loans act;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1104) of Margaret E. Hobby and others relative to the filing of papers in the office of clerks of courts;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 503) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that inspectors of masonry shall have had practical experience; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 888) of Charles A. Kelley and others that Frank McDonald be compensated for

injuries received while an inmate of the Worcester State Hospital;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 205) of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor of the city of Somerville, for the distribution of certain payments made by the city of Boston in connection with the cost of construction of the Charles River Dam and Basin, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville (House, No. 750);

To prohibit the conveying of intoxicating liquors to and by inmates of public institutions (House, No. 1259); and

Providing further cause for the revocation of innholders' and common victuallers' licenses (House, No. 1261);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the residence of the Trustees of the Pratt Free School (House, No. 332) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To provide that sewer inspectors may share in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 356) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the deposit in the State Library of certain reports of hearings (House, No. 374) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, teamsters and mechanics employed by the city of Waltham (House, No. 1256);

Relative to the charter of the Shirley-Eustis House Association (House, No. 1257); and

Relative to pilotage (printed as Senate, No. 63); and

The Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on the use of water from the Ipswich river (House, No. 1258);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve authorizing the printing of additional copies of the fifth annual report of the Homestead Commission (printed as House, No. 1210) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser (House, No. 1201, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all of section 1 after the name "Joseph C. Reiser", in line 3, and

inserting in place thereof the words "late a member of the police department of the city of Boston who was murdered while in the discharge of his duty. The said annuity shall be paid to the widow so long as she remains unmarried, but if she shall die at any time within sixteen years after the passage date of this act, leaving any minor child or children of Joseph C. Reiser surviving, the said annuity shall continue to be paid for the benefit of such child or children as joint tenants until the expiration of sixteen years as aforesaid."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1264), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 130) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to extending the authority of cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of buildings, was considered.

Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the scope of municipal building laws (House, No. 130).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 11 to 38; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 146) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to imposing a tax upon the income of savings banks and institutions for savings, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

At three minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Jones of Berkley, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, February 26, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Edwin H. Hughes, D.D., of Malden.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions (Pub. Doc. No. 68), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file. State Aid and Pensions.

Bill Ordered Printed.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Agawam two hundred copies of a Bill to establish a state department of agriculture were ordered printed for the use of the committee on Agriculture. State department of agriculture.

Papers from the Senate.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Maloney of Chelsea, Baldwin of Brockton and Young of Weston the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed). Sent up for concurrence. Brockton, — Home for Aged Men.

Reports:

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 880) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to issue bonds to cover its insurance charges; Medford, — insurance charges.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 881) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for school purposes; and Medford, — school debt.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 882) of James Morrison that the amount of money which may lawfully be borrowed by cities and towns be increased; and Municipal indebtedness, — increased limit.

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 610) of Allan L. Shirley and others relative to preventing the pollution of the Taunton river and its tributaries; and Taunton river, — protection from pollution.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of James F. Kiernan relative to permitting boating, fishing, skating and ice-cutting on Assawompsett, Long and Pocksha ponds in the towns of Lakeville, Middleborough, Freetown and Rochester; Assawompsett, Long and Pocksha ponds, — public use.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill relating to certain data to be furnished by assessors in connection with tax sales (Senate, No. 269) (new draft of a bill Assessors, — tax sales.

substituted for a House report, leave to withdraw, on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 55), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Street railway companies, — report of the recess commission.

A report of the special Street Railway Investigation Commission (including a joint special recess committee of the General Court), under chapter 129 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the control, supervision, regulation, ownership, operation, taxation, capitalization, finance, management and development of street railways in this Commonwealth and to the powers, duties and liabilities of street railway companies (Senate, No. 265), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Street Railways.

Reports of Committees.

Boston, — Harriet L. Blanchard.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of Harriet L. Blanchard that the city of Boston be authorized to pay her a sum of money in compensation for certain injuries.

Cities, — boards of survey.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1064) of George M. Worrall relative to boards of survey in cities.

Militia, — staff of the commander-in-chief.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Frederick L. Murray for an amendment of the law relative to the staff of the commander-in-chief of the militia.

State employees in the State Guard, — compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1120) of E. J. Cox relative to the compensation of certain state employees while on duty as members of the State Guard.

State Guard, — enlistments.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1121) of George B. Waterman relative to the enlistment of men in the State Guard between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one.

Widows of civil war veterans, — state aid.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 507) of Frank Bourne relative to advancing the time when marriages of civil war veterans will permit widows to receive state aid.

East Boston, — armory and battalion of infantry.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1010) of William H. Hearn for the construction of an armory in the East Boston district of the city of Boston, and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Edward I. Kelley that an armory and a battalion of infantry be provided for the East Boston district of the city of Boston.

Beverly, — department of health.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of Paul S. Eaton and others that the city of Beverly be authorized to create a department of health.

Vaccine virus, — purity.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1126) of

James T. Bagshaw relative to insuring the purity of vaccine virus [Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. James W. Hayes of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 128) of the selectmen of the town of Free-town and another relative to hospital care, in the county of Bristol, of non-pulmonary tuberculosis and other diseases, communicable and non-communicable.

Bristol county, — hospital care of certain patients.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the State Department of Health relative to the feasibility and probable cost of draining and improving the low and marsh land along the lower reaches of the Neponset river and the shores of Quincy bay (House, No. 1186).

Lower Neponset river and shores of Quincy bay, — improvement of marsh land.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to do the work in the channels and canals of the Charles River Basin as required of it by chapter five hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten (House, No. 194) ought not to pass.

Charles River Basin, — improvement of channels and canals.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the classification of employees of the Commonwealth appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms (House, No. 619) ought not to pass.

Employees of the Sergeant-at-Arms, — classification.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for reimbursing Mrs. W. L. Putnam of Boston for information obtained for the Adjutant-General relative to state aids and allotments (House, No. 876) ought not to pass.

Mrs. W. L. Putnam, — reimbursement.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on rejection.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to appraiser in the department of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 239) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1267).

Tax Commissioner, — appraiser.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of members of the former Troop C, First Squadron of the Massachusetts Cavalry (House, No. 1011) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1272).

Troop C, First Squadron of Cavalry.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Bill to authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ additional watchmen at the State House (House, No. 775, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1268).

State House, — additional watchmen.

By Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377), a Bill to authorize savings banks and savings departments of trust companies to invest in farmland bonds (House, No. 1269).

Savings banks and trust companies, — farmland bonds.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the committee on Cities, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill relative to the hours during which the polls shall be open at primary elections in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 839).

Lawrence, — primary election hours.

Lowell, —
widow of
George Teel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Lowell to pension the widow of George Teel (House, No. 1230, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Everett city
government, —
filling of
vacancies.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 822), a Bill to provide that in the city of Everett the aldermen and common council may fill vacancies arising in their respective bodies (House, No. 1266).

Boston, —
Edward L.
Kenney.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to reinstate Edward L. Kenney in the penal institutions department of the city (House, No. 1169).

Woburn, —
board of
health and
charities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678), a Bill to establish the board of health and charities in the city of Woburn (House, No. 1265).

Insurance
agents, —
licensing.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Insurance, on a part of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46), a Bill relative to the licensing of insurance agents (House, No. 50).

Insurance
companies, —
receivers.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, for the same committee, on a part of the annual report of the Attorney-General (Pub. Doc. No. 12), a Bill relative to the appointment of receivers for insurance companies (House, No. 1271).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Lower Mystic
lake in
Arlington, —
protection
of banks.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate the subject of protecting the banks of lower Mystic lake in the town of Arlington (Senate, No. 258) ought to pass.

Legislative
employees, —
compensation.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to compensation of legislative employees (House, No. 621) ought to pass with an amendment inserting in line 1, after the word "employees", the words "including those temporarily appointed by the sergeant-at-arms,".

Doorkeepers
and assistant
doorkeepers,
— mileage.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Bill to authorize the payment of compensation for travel to the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court (Senate, No. 163, amended) ought to pass.

Physicians, —
registration
and re-exam-
ination.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states (House, No. 206) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Quincy, —
state armory.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the construction of

a state armory in the city of Quincy (House, No. 1123) [Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of David J. Sheehan of Lynn (House, No. 1119, changed by striking out, in line 3, the words "one thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "three hundred and sixty-five").

David J.
Sheehan
of Lynn.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 47), a Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts.

Soldiers'
Home in
Massachusetts.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 232), a Resolve providing for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer.

National
Guard
property and
disbursing
officer, —
expenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the granting of badges of honor to Massachusetts' soldiers who served on the Mexican border (House, No. 310, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 6, the word "badge", and inserting in place thereof the word "certificate"; and in section 2 by striking out, in line 4, the words "a sufficient sum", and inserting in place thereof the words "the sum of sixteen hundred dollars").

Soldiers who
served on the
Mexican border,
— certificates
of honor.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the militia law in respect to the naval militia (House, No. 605).

Naval
militia.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Thomas O. Long (House, No. 138, changed by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "four thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-five hundred").

Thomas O.
Long.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the appointment by the Sergeant-at-Arms of an assistant clerk of the legislative document division (House, No. 768).

Legislative
document
division, —
assistant clerk.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the use of pounds, weirs and traps in certain tidal waters; Bills enacted.

Providing a criminal penalty for the unlawful challenging of voters at elections;

Relative to the requarantining of animals which have been released from quarantine;

To extend the time within which the city of Pittsfield may extend its water supply to the town of Lanesborough; and

Requiring transfers of funds appropriated for state departments to be approved by the Auditor of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Confirming the acts of John H. Meagher of Worcester as a justice of the peace; and

Confirming the acts of John C. Johnston of Brookline as a justice of the peace;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of Paul W. Goldsbury for the establishment of Mount Grace in the town of Warwick as a state forest;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 942) of Wendell P. Thoré that the unwarranted killing of dogs be prevented;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 947) of Albert Mehlinger relative to the powers of trust companies;

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 490) of Lawrence F. Quigley that fire insurance companies pay part of the cost of equipping and maintaining fire departments in cities and towns; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 693) of John B. Mikalauskas that the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America be authorized to engage in the business of sickness, disability and life insurance;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 599) of John L. Donovan relative to an investigation by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of certain flats in the town of Hull;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 343) of Alfred Morton Cutler that the Commissioner of War Records be required to make an annual report to the General Court; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of Alfred Morton Cutler relative to the publication of a record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors in the war of the rebellion;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 898) of William E. Weeks that the engineers, oilers and firemen in the employ of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board be exempted from the provisions of the civil service laws;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 637) of Rowland P. Harriman relative to the registration of motor vehicles; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 923) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence relative to the appointment of a commission to assist the Commissioner of Corporations in

securing a greater return from the taxation of domestic corporations;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Edward F. McLaughlin that William F. Johnson be reinstated as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 136) of Thomas Weston, Jr., that cities and towns be authorized to pay employees who enter active service with the State Guard or other unit of the organized military forces of the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 215) of George E. Curran that James J. Casey be reinstated in the service of the Massachusetts Highway Commission;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to consolidate The Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society (House, No. 502) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes (House, No. 1213) were adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to dividends paid by insurance stock companies (House, No. 491);

To authorize savings banks to issue insurance policies on the lives of persons regularly employed in the Commonwealth (House, No. 694);

In addition to the acts making appropriations for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 1263);

Authorizing the city of Springfield to acquire for park purposes land in the town of Longmeadow (Senate, No. 230);

Relative to the construction of sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston (Senate, No. 266); and

To permit the taking of animals from traps on the Lord's Day (Senate, No. 272);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville (House, No. 750) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Providing further cause for the revocation of innholders' and common victuallers' licenses (House, No. 1261);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to prohibit the furnishing of intoxicating liquors to or by inmates of public institutions (House, No. 1259) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for certain recess expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 1228) was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 1227) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, second in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Charles A. Winchester for the establishment of an armory and a battalion of infantry in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, was considered.

Mr. Winchester of Boston moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until to-morrow, first in the orders of the day; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Bill to provide war allowance and state aid for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States, and their dependents (House, No. 1239) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

By striking out sections 1 and 2, and inserting in place thereof the following new sections: "SECTION 1. Any city or town, acting by the officers authorized by law to furnish state and military aid, may, during the war with the Imperial German Government and for six months thereafter, provide a war allowance for the wife, children under sixteen years of age, or any child dependent by reason of physical or mental incapacity, or the dependent parent [A], brother or sister of any person who, subsequent to February third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, entered the military or naval service of the United States by enlistment

or draft, or who, subsequent to the said date, was recalled to such service or was continued therein after the termination of a prior enlistment, provided that on February third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, such person was a resident of this commonwealth. The allowance authorized by this section shall cease on the termination of the service by death or discharge.

"SECTION 2. Any person in the military or naval service of the United States, whose dependents are entitled to war allowance under the provisions of section one, and who is honorably discharged from the said service by reason of illness or disability incurred therein, shall be eligible to receive state and military aid under chapter five hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen. If any such person shall die in the said service during the war with the Imperial German Government, or shall die after an honorable discharge from the said service from injuries received or disability or illness incurred therein, his mother, if a widow, his widow and his children, up to the age of sixteen, or any child dependent by reason of physical or mental incapacity, provided that the children were in being prior to his discharge, or prior to the termination of the said war [B], shall be entitled to the benefit of state aid in accordance with the provisions of the said chapter five hundred and eighty-seven.

"SECTION 3. The payments authorized by the preceding two sections shall be made in the same manner in which, and shall be subject to the same limitations under which, state aid is paid to dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors under chapter five hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, except as may otherwise be provided herein.";

In section 6 (as printed), by striking out the last sentence thereof;

In section 8 (as printed), by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "or of any regulation adopted thereunder"; and by inserting in line 9, before the word "claims", the word "fraudulently"; and

By inserting after section 8 (as printed) the following new section: "SECTION 10. Chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby repealed, but this act shall be construed as a continuation of the said chapter one hundred and seventy-nine, and no right to relief which has accrued under the said chapter one hundred and seventy-nine shall be affected by this repeal."

Mr. Prescott of Grafton moved that the amendments be amended at "A" and "B" by inserting the words "or any person who stood in the relationship of a parent to the soldier or sailor for five years prior to his enlistment".

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1273), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 924) of William A. Bartlett relative to establishing uniformity in the valuation of real estate by assessors, was considered.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to establish uniformity in the valuations of real estate by assessors (House, No. 924).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 17 to 61; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 66) of Joseph T. Kenney and another relative to the sittings of the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts for the county of Bristol, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relating to sittings of the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts in the county of Bristol (printed as Senate, No. 66).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 25 to 66; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to define the application of laws relating to the settlement of the estates of decedents (Senate, No. 124, amended) was read a second time; and after debate the House refused to order the bill to a third reading.

At nineteen minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Torrey of Groton, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 96) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Herbert W. Alger be reimbursed for the loss of a cow, killed by a deputy of the Department of Animal Industry, alleged to be, but not in fact, diseased; Herbert W. Alger, — compensation.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 718) of Jacob Wasserman that the amount of rents charged at the present time shall not be increased during the present war; and Rents, — increase prohibited.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 187) of Katherine A. Fenelon relative to the care of persons suffering from mental diseases; Mental patients, — care.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools (Senate, No. 274) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 486); and Superintendents of schools, — compensation.

To authorize the Governor to increase temporarily the force of the District Police (printed as House, No. 1252, changed) (reported on a petition); and District, Police, — temporary increase.

A Resolve in favor of The Norwood Morris Plan Company (printed as House, No. 594) (reported on a petition); The Norwood Morris Plan Company.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill to consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury (House, No. 1157) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town at the annual town meeting for the current year, or at any subsequent meeting called for the purpose, and if accepted by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, shall take effect upon the election of the members of said department at the annual town election next following such acceptance." Amesbury, — water and sewer departments.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Insurance
policies, —
filing.

The House Bill relative to the filing of certain policies with the Insurance Commissioner and the provisions thereof (House, No. 1225) (its title having been changed in the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "On and after January first, nineteen hundred and eight".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Firemen and
their de-
pendents, —
state aid.

The House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred) striking out, in line 1, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Auditor of the
Common-
wealth, —
expenses of the
Constitutional
Convention.

The House order That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be [C] directed to report to the General Court, on or before [D] March 1, a statement of the sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof. The report shall contain the general statement of the purposes for which the several sums were expended, [A] without necessarily including the names of the persons to whom the money was paid [B] or the special amounts paid to each person, — came down adopted, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

At [A], by striking out the words "without necessarily"; at [B], by striking out the word "or", and inserting in place thereof the word "and"; at [C], by striking out the word "directed", and inserting in place thereof the word "requested"; and at [D], by striking out "March 1", and inserting in place thereof "March 15".

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, and the amendments were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

The order, as amended, was as follows: —

Ordered, That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be requested to report to the General Court, on or before March 15, a statement of the sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof. The report shall contain the general statement of the purposes for which the several sums were expended, including the names of the persons to whom the money was paid and the special amounts paid to each person.

Reports of Committees.

Lawrence, —
widow of John
F. Young.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Arthur Bower that the city of Lawrence be authorized to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Young. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1274) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 273) of John D. Ryan, mayor of the city of Holyoke, for a change in the time when interest shall begin to run on unpaid taxes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Unpaid taxes,
— interest.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Hiram L. Reynolds and others that the jurisdiction of the Second District Court of Southern Worcester be enlarged. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Second District
Court of
Southern
Worcester, —
jurisdiction.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Horace E. Dunkle that certain funds held by the Central Congregational Society of Jamaica Plain in West Roxbury be exempt from taxation. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Samuel B.
Capen
Memorial.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Francis P. McKeon that the approval of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners be required to any rate increase by companies under its jurisdiction. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on suspending the 12th joint rule.

Gas and
electric com-
panies, —
approval of
rate increases.

By Mr. Hamilton of Palmer, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain nomination papers filed in the town of Westborough (House, No. 1262), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hamilton, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Westborough,
— ratification
of nomination
papers.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 565) of the mayor of the city of Quincy that the Board of Managers of the Adams Temple and School Trust Fund be authorized to dispose of certain property.

Adams Temple
and School
Trust Fund.

By Mr. Penshorn of Boston, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 432) of William H. Proctor and others for the better protection of water fowl in the county of Dukes County and near Great Herring pond in the town of Edgartown [Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, of the House, dissenting].

Dukes County
and Edgar-
town, —
protection of
water fowl.

Employers and employees, — exchange of vouchers.

By Mr. Shedd of Tewksbury, for the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1096) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the exchange of vouchers between employers and employees.

Employment at night.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the employment of persons during the night.

Public ways, — short stretches at special points.

By Mr. Baker of Marlborough, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 636) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the improvement of highways by the construction by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of short stretches of highway at special points.

Employees on state highways and bridges, — hours of labor.

By Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge, for same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 352) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the hours of labor on highways and bridges under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Motor vehicles, — age of operators.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 638) of George A. Whitney that the age at which licenses for the operation of motor vehicles may be issued be reduced.

Real estate, — tax sales during the war.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Jacob Wasserman for the suspension, during the war, of the sale of real estate by cities and towns for non-payment of taxes.

Abatement of taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1143) of George L. Ellsworth and another relative to the abatement of taxes because of age, infirmity and poverty.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Fishing, — use of torches and seines.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, that the Bill (introduced on leave) to permit the taking of certain fish by means of torches and seines during the period of war (House, No. 933) ought not to pass [Mr. Brown, of the Senate, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on rejection.

Peter P. Monahan.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of Peter P. Monahan (Senate, No. 254) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1277).

Taxes on income, — refunds.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Resolve relative to the refunding of certain taxes on income (printed as Senate, No. 53) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1279).

Nicholas B. Lake.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Nicholas B. Lake of Salisbury (House, No. 526) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1278).

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the appointment of tree wardens in towns (House, No. 671, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "or removal") [Messrs. Granger of Agawam and Bray of Buckland, of the House, dissenting].

Towns, —
appointment
of tree
wardens.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 271), a Bill relative to municipal lighting plants (House, No. 273, changed in section 1 by inserting before the word "cost", in lines 11 and 37, the word "estimated"; and by striking out section 3).

Municipal
lighting
plants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 271), a Bill relative to the returns of municipal lighting plants (House, No. 278, changed in section 2 by inserting after the word "March", in line 4, the words "and by adding at the end thereof the words 'This section shall not be construed to relieve the said board from compliance with the provisions of section six of chapter eighteen of the Revised Laws as amended'"; and by adding at the end of said section 2 the words "This section shall not be construed to relieve the said board from compliance with the provisions of section six of chapter eighteen of the Revised Laws as amended.").

Id.

By Mr. Kellogg of Orange, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to validate the annual town meeting of the town of Sturbridge in the present year (House, No. 1236).

Sturbridge, —
validation of
town meeting.

By Mr. Cronin of Holyoke, for the committee on Water Supply, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658), a Bill to authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 1276).

Lynnfield, —
water supply.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees enlisted in or drafted for the service of the United States, ought to pass (House, No. 1275). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Counties and
municipalities,
— payment of
enlisted
employees.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to establish the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 767, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "twenty-two hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "two thousand").

Boston
municipal
court, —
salary of
messenger.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the municipal court of the city of Boston to extend medical service for its criminal business (House, No. 640).

Boston
municipal
court, —
medical service.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Normality of
business, —
notice of
hearings.

By Mr. Haskins of Middleborough, for the committee on Labor, on a petition, a Bill providing that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in normality of business hearings (House, No. 593, changed by inserting before the word "strikers" in lines 11 and 30, the words "to the accredited representatives of the").

State House
grounds, —
completion.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on State House and Libraries, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the completion of the State House grounds (House, No. 790).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to abatements of taxes;

Relative to fraudulent transfers of stock to evade taxation;

Relative to certain entries in the cash books of tax collectors;

Relative to the exemption from taxation of household furniture;

Relative to the signing of documents by clerks of the Boston Juvenile Court;

Relative to the sale by life insurance companies of Liberty Bonds and similar government securities;

Relative to the duties of the fourth assistant and certain examiners in the department of the Tax Commissioner;

Relative to the penalty for unauthorized banking and for refusal to submit to examination by the Bank Commissioner;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

To permit co-operative banks to suspend certain mortgage payments by borrowers engaged in war service (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the printing of additional copies of the fifth annual report of the Homestead Commission (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of Harriet L. Blanchard that the city of Boston be authorized to pay her a sum of money in compensation for certain injuries; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1064) of George M. Worrall relative to boards of survey in cities;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 507) of Frank Bourne relative to advancing the time when marriages of civil war veterans will permit widows to receive state aid;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Frederick L. Murray for an amendment of the law relative to the staff of the commander-in-chief of the militia;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1120) of E. J. Cox relative to the compensation of certain state employees while on duty as members of the State Guard; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1121) of George B. Waterman relative to the enlistment of men in the State Guard between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 746) of Charles A. Winchester for the establishment of an armory and a battalion of infantry in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1010) of William H. Hearn for the construction of an armory in the East Boston district of the city of Boston, and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Edward I. Kelley that an armory and a battalion of infantry be provided for the East Boston district of the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 883) of Paul S. Eaton and others that the city of Beverly be authorized to create a department of health; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1126) of James T. Bagshaw relative to insuring the purity of vaccine virus; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 128) of the selectmen of the town of Freetown and another relative to hospital care, in the county of Bristol, of non-pulmonary tuberculosis and other diseases, communicable and non-communicable; and

On the special report of the State Department of Health relative to the feasibility and probable cost of draining and improving the low and marsh land along the lower reaches of the Neponset river and the shores of Quincy bay (House, No. 1186);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 880) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to issue bonds to cover its insurance charges;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 881) of James Morrison that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for school purposes; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 882) of James Morrison that the amount of money which may lawfully be borrowed by cities and towns be increased; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 610) of Allan L. Shirley and others relative to preventing the pollution of the Taunton river and its tributaries; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of James F. Kiernan relative to permitting boating, fishing, skating

and ice-cutting on Assawompsett, Long and Pocksha ponds in the towns of Lakeville, Middleborough, Freetown and Rochester; Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the classification of employees of the Commonwealth appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms (House, No. 619) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Relative to the licensing of insurance agents (House, No. 50);

Relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states (House, No. 206);

Relative to the hours during which the polls shall be open at primary elections in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 839);

To authorize the city of Boston to reinstate Edward L. Kenney in the penal institutions department of the city (House, No. 1169);

To authorize the city of Lowell to pension the widow of George Teel (House, No. 1230, changed);

To establish the board of health and charities in the city of Woburn (House, No. 1265);

To provide that in the city of Everett the aldermen and common council may fill vacancies arising in their respective bodies (House, No. 1266);

To authorize the Tax Commissioner to appoint a principal appraiser (House, No. 1267);

To authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ additional watchmen at the State House (House, No. 1268);

To authorize savings banks and savings departments of trust companies to invest in farmland bonds (House, No. 1269);

Relative to the appointment of receivers for insurance companies (House, No. 1271); and

To authorize the payment of compensation for travel to the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court (Senate, No. 163, amended); and

Resolves:

In favor of members of former Troop C, First Squadron of Massachusetts Cavalry (House, No. 1272); and

Directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate the subject of protecting the banks of lower Mystic lake in the town of Arlington (Senate, No. 258);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to compensation of legislative employees (House, No. 621) was read a second time. The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to dividends paid by insurance stock companies (House, No. 491); and

To authorize savings banks to issue insurance policies on the lives of persons regularly employed in the Commonwealth (House, No. 694);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to the acts making appropriations for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States (House, No. 1263) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston.

Bills:

Authorizing the city of Springfield to acquire land in the town of Longmeadow for park purposes (Senate, No. 230) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the construction of sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston (Senate, No. 266);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to do the work in the channels and canals of the Charles River Basin as required of it by chapter five hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten (House, No. 194) was considered; and after debate it was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to provide for reimbursing Mrs. W. L. Putnam of Boston for information obtained for the Adjutant-General relative to state aids and allotments (House, No. 876) was considered; and after debate it was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill relating to certain data to be furnished by assessors in connection with tax sales (Senate, No. 269) was read a second time; and after debate the House refused to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill to permit the taking of animals from traps on the Lord's Day (Senate, No. 272) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At six minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wheeler of Springfield, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, February 28, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file:—

Registration in
Medicine.

Twenty-fourth annual report of the Board of Registration in Medicine (Pub. Doc. No. 56).

Fall River, —
board of police.

Annual report of the Board of Police for the City of Fall River (Pub. Doc. No. 58).

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Whitman of Quincy, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules:—

Committee on
Public Service,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, within the city of Boston, on Tuesday, March 5.

Petition.

Boston, — re-
instatement of
Dominick
J. Harkins.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of John L. Donovan that Dominick J. Harkins be reinstated in the public works department of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Forest
plantations.

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 77) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that forest plantations be established for demonstration purposes;

Bank Com-
missioner, —
incorporated
banks.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, no legislation necessary, on the annual statement of the Bank Commissioner of the condition of incorporated banks (printed in Pub. Doc. No. 8);

Trust com-
panies to
invest only in
real estate.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 948) of James T. Harris for the establishment of trust companies to invest only in real estate;

Boston, —
assessing
department.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the assessing department of the city of Boston;

Boston, —
assistant or
deputy tax
collectors.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 735) of Harrison H. Atwood

that not more than a majority of the assistant or deputy tax collectors of the city of Boston shall be of the same political party; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, that county treasurers be allowed such clerical assistance and at such compensation as may be approved by their county commissioners;

County
treasurers,
— clerical
assistance.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of local weighers, measurers and surveyors of commodities (Senate, No. 276) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 84), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Weighers,
measurers and
surveyors of
commodities.

The House Bill relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Arlington (House, No. 1192) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. The said town shall pay to retired call firemen certified by the town physician as disabled under the provisions of section one the same pension payable to retired permanent firemen who performed similar duties. To all others retired under this act, it shall pay pensions equal to one-half their annual compensation during their last year of service. All pensions hereunder shall be paid monthly."

Arlington, —
pensioning of
call firemen.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bitzer of Arlington; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions of Arthur B. Lamb and others and of Elizabeth B. Lamb and others, — severally in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 279) of Andrew J. Peters, mayor of the city of Boston, that political activity by officials and employees in the public service be prohibited, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Election Laws; and

Public officials
and employees,
— political
activity.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 280) of Henry F. Long that provision be made for the publication of state papers of Governors, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the joint committee on Ways and Means;

Governors, —
publication of
state papers.

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rule were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

District Police,
— temporary
increase.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the Governor to increase temporarily the force of the District Police (printed as House, No. 1252, changed) ought to pass. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bitzer, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Water supplies
and inland
waters, —
protection.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, for the committee on Water Supply, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the annual report of the State Department of Health on the purification and the prevention of pollution of the sources of water supply and the inland waters of the Commonwealth (House, No. 537) as relates to sewerage and sewage disposal, — and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Crooks, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Holyoke fire
department, —
two-platoon
system.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 423) of John Cronin relative to the establishment of the two-platoon service in the fire forces of the city of Holyoke.

Boston fire
department, —
hours of duty.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Albert Mehlinger that additional authority be granted to the mayor and fire commissioner of the city of Boston with respect to fixing the hours of duty of members of the fire department.

Fire depart-
ments, — day
and night
forces.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103) of the Massachusetts Permanent Firemen's Association for the division of permanent members of fire departments into day and night forces [Mr. Fitzgerald, of the Senate, and Messrs. Baxter of Lynn and Scigliano of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Salt water fish
hatchery.

By Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game relative to the advisability of establishing a hatchery especially adapted for the propagation of salt water fish (House, No. 324).

Soldiers and
sailors, — state
insurance.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of Cornelius Boothman that the Commonwealth purchase certain insurance policies for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States government.

Superior Court
stenographers,
— salaries.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 904) of William N. Todd and others that the salaries of the official stenographers of the Superior Court be established.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 761) of James M. Keaney that the status of police officers in the classified civil service who are now serving in the army or navy of the United States be defined.

Policemen in war service, — civil service status.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Roland D. Sawyer that the fee be established for the registration of Ford motor vehicles.

Ford motor vehicles, — registration fee.

By Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, for the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the annual report of the State Department of Health on the purification and prevention of pollution of the sources of water supply and the inland waters of the Commonwealth (House, No. 537) as relates to water supply.

Water supplies and inland waters, — protection.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county of Norfolk to pay a sum of money to the dependent sister of Adolph F. A. Schulz (House, No. 1068, changed in section 2 by striking out, in line 1, the word "passage," and inserting in place thereof the words "acceptance by the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk").

Norfolk county, — dependent sister of Adolph F. A. Schulz.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 575), a Bill to extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles (House, No. 1280).

Insurance companies, — coverage on motor vehicles.

By Mr. Bates of Salem, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 69), a Bill to authorize the cities of Salem and Beverly to borrow money in connection with the reconstruction of Essex bridge over the Danvers river (House, No. 1281).

Salem and Beverly, — indebtedness for Essex bridge.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1156), a Bill to authorize the sale by the Chief of the District Police of the steamer "Lexington" (House, No. 1282).

Steamer "Lexington", — sale.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 893), a Bill to establish the salary of the officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Brighton municipal court, — salary of court officer.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in towns of less than three million dollars' valuation (House, No. 371) ought to pass.

Small towns, — improvement of highways.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named board (House, No. 104), a Bill relative to the expenses

Board of Free Public Library Commissioners, — expenses.

of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 105) [Mr. Martin of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

State Library,
— expenses.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the trustees of the State Library (House, No. 235), a Bill to provide for the expenses of the State Library (printed in House, No. 235).

Free public
libraries, —
director of
educational
work with
aliens.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named board (House, No. 104), a Bill to authorize the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners to aid free public libraries in their educational work with the alien population and to appoint a director for such work (House, No. 106, changed in section 1 by inserting after the word "dollars", in line 3, the words ", which sum shall include the salary of the director,") [Mr. Martin of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Bills
enacted.

To authorize the city of Salem to pension Michael P. Dugan;
To authorize the city of Springfield to take land for school purposes;

Relative to certain nomination papers filed in the town of Westborough;

Relative to the taxation of property held for sewage disposal purposes;

To authorize the American Oriental Society to hold all its meetings outside the Commonwealth;

To exempt persons in the military and naval service of the United States from the payment of poll taxes;

To consolidate The Massachusetts Baptist Sunday School Association and the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society;

To authorize the board of health of the town of Rutland to license private hospitals and houses for the care of tuberculous patients;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

To authorize the Governor to increase temporarily the force of the District Police (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the Chief of the District Police to reimburse certain persons for loss of wages (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Lynn, —
Warren H.
McClain.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to retire and pension Warren H. McClain (which originated in the House) (see House, No. 1184) was put upon its final passage.

Rule 53 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Frothingham of Lynn; and, on further motion of the same member, the bill was amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 1 and 2 (as printed), the words "The city council of the city of Lynn, with

the approval of the mayor," and inserting in place thereof the words "The city of Lynn".

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 565) of the mayor of the city of Quincy that the Board of Managers of the Adams Temple and School Trust Fund be authorized to dispose of certain property;

*Orders of
the day.*

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 432) of William H. Proctor and others for the better protection of water fowl in the county of Dukes County and near Great Herring pond in the town of Edgartown;

Of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1096) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the exchange of vouchers between employers and employees; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Anson B. Edgerly relative to the employment of persons during the night;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 636) of Clarence A. Crooks relative to the improvement of highways by the construction by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of short stretches of highway at special points; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 638) of George A. Whitney that the age at which licenses for the operation of motor vehicles may be issued be reduced; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 800) of Jacob Wasserman for the suspension, during the war, of the sale of real estate by cities and towns for non-payment of taxes; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1143) of George L. Ellsworth and another relative to the abatement of taxes because of age, infirmity and poverty;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 96) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Herbert W. Alger be reimbursed for the loss of a cow, killed by a deputy of the Department of Animal Industry, alleged to be, but not in fact, diseased; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 187) of Katherine A. Fenelon relative to the care of persons suffering from mental diseases;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury (House, No. 1157) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the filing of certain policies with the Insurance Commissioner and the provisions thereof (House, No. 1225) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to municipal lighting plants (House, No. 273, changed);

Relative to the returns of municipal lighting plants (House, No. 278, changed);

To validate the annual town meeting of the town of Sturbridge in the present year (House, No. 1236);

Relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees enlisted in or drafted for the service of the United States (House, No. 1275); and

To authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 1276); and

Resolves:

In favor of Peter P. Monahan of Westfield (House, No. 1277);

In favor of Nicholas B. Lake of Salisbury (House, No. 1278); and

Relative to the refunding of certain taxes on income (House, No. 1279);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the licensing of insurance agents (House, No. 50);

Relative to the compensation of legislative employees (House, No. 621, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the hours during which the polls shall be open at primary elections in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 839);

To authorize the city of Boston to reinstate Edward L. Kenney in the penal institutions department of the city (House, No. 1169);

To authorize the city of Lowell to pension the widow of George Teel (House, No. 1230, changed);

To establish the board of health and charities in the city of Woburn (House, No. 1265);

Relative to the filling of vacancies in the board of aldermen and common council in the city of Everett (House, No. 1266) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the Tax Commissioner to appoint a principal appraiser (House, No. 1267);

To authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ additional watchmen at the State House (House, No. 1268);

To authorize savings banks and savings departments of trust companies to invest in farmland bonds (House, No. 1269); and

Relative to the appointment of receivers for insurance companies (House, No. 1271); and

The Resolve in favor of members of former Troop C, First Squadron of Massachusetts Cavalry (House, No. 1272);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 352) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the hours of labor on highways and bridges under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, was considered.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the hours of labor on highways and bridges under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission (House, No. 352).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 41 to 79; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 718) of Jacob Wasserman that the amount of rents charged at the present time shall not be increased during the present war, was considered.

Mr. Wasserman of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to prevent increase of rents during the present war (House, No. 718).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 5 to 51; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to permit the taking of certain fish by means of torches and seines during the period of war (House, No. 933) was considered; and after debate it was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Fisheries and Game, by a vote of 65 to 21.

The petition of Francis P. McKeon that the approval of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners be required to any rate increase by companies under its jurisdiction, was considered. After debate the House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

The House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214) was considered; and on motion of Mr. Lyman of Easthampton the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of tree wardens in towns (House, No. 671, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Agriculture; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After debate Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 3, 4 and 5, the words "The appointment or removal of a tree warden shall not take effect unless approved by the state forester."

The previous question was then ordered, on motion of Mr. Odlin of Lynn; and the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 36 to 46.

The House then refused to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states (House, No. 206) was read a third time.

Mr. Arnold of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "words:" in line 12, the words "and by striking out, in lines thirty-five, thirty-six and thirty-seven, the words 'or to have acted as principal or assistant in carrying on the practice of medicine by an unregistered person,'"; and by striking out, in lines 51, 52 and 53, the words "or to have acted as principal or assistant in carrying on the practice of medicine by an unregistered person,".

Point of
order.

After debate (Mr. Abbott of Haverhill being in the chair) Mr. Young of Weston raised the point of order that the amendments were broader in their scope than the recommendations of the Board of Registration in Medicine on which the bill was based.

Pending the decision of the Chair on the point of order, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until the next session, their being no objection.

The Bill to authorize the payment of compensation for travel to the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court (Senate, No. 163, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Allen of Norwood moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, line 5, by inserting after the word "and", and before the Senate amendment at that point, the words "by inserting after the word 'dollars', in the second line, the words 'and fifty cents'"; and by inserting after the word "dollars", in line 9, the words "and fifty cents".

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

At three minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wall of Worcester (Mr. Abbott being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, March 1, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:—

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 1, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

A serious condition which in my opinion demands your immediate consideration exists upon the Boston Elevated Railway. During 1916 a contract was entered into between the railway company and its employees, fixing a scale of wages for a period of three years. Since the time when the contract was made, because of the war, the cost of living has rapidly mounted. The price of everything in common use in the household has very greatly increased, so that the wages fixed in the contract do not amount today to a living wage, especially in the case of an employee with a family to support. The men demanded an increase. The railway company on the other hand had only such income as the law permitted it to receive. The cost of the operation of the road has like the cost of nearly everything else also increased greatly, and it is claimed that the fare it receives today is inadequate to enable it to render efficient service as a common carrier even upon the scale of wages fixed in the contract. I do not believe that the public desires transportation which must be furnished in considerable part at the expense of men who are underpaid, or any transportation, the fair cost of which it does not pay, but which must in part be paid by somebody else. There is a condition of things in the subway stations and upon the cars at certain hours of the day, to which human beings should not be subjected, and which is little if at all less than dangerous to life. The present fare was established by the legislature some twenty years ago, and only the legislature has power to deal with it now. This fare was fully adequate at the time it was established and for many years afterwards, but it is very widely claimed that it is inadequate in the conditions that exist today. I imagine it will not be disputed that the railway, by whomsoever operated, should be permitted to receive an income which with economical management will enable it fairly to perform its obligations as a common carrier. More than that it should of course not be permitted to receive. But less than that means poor service, underpaid employees, and ultimate bankruptcy. The legislature, I am informed, is considering the

Message from
the Governor,—
rates of fare on
the lines of
the Boston
Elevated Rail-
way Company.

general question of street railway transportation both within the city of Boston and outside of it. But something should be done immediately to meet the conditions existing in Boston; and it may be done without prejudice to any of the propositions which the legislature is now considering. As a method of dealing with the existing emergency, I recommend that, anything in the charter of the Elevated Railway Company, or in the law to the contrary notwithstanding, our Public Service Commission during the continuance of the war and for one year thereafter, or until the legislature shall otherwise provide, be given power to fix just, reasonable, and equal rates of fare upon the Boston Elevated Railway; and pending a hearing upon any application for change of rates, that they shall have power from time to time to fix interim rates to have force and effect until they shall finally make decision upon the application. It is of course not possible to foretell how long the present abnormal conditions regarding prices will continue after the war, but we may follow the analogy of the bill providing for the taking of the railroads for war purposes by the national government. Of course if conditions during the time proposed should warrant a decreased fare, it would be the duty of the Public Service Commission to establish it. I am convinced that immediate action on this subject is necessary in the interest of the public as well as those who own and operate the elevated railway.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1283) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, it was referred to the committee on Street Railways. Sent up for concurrence.

Annual Report.

Commissioner
of Weights
and Measures.

The eleventh annual report of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (Pub. Doc. No. 83), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Intoxicating
liquors, —
national
prohibition.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston presented a petition of Mabel Snow Worcester and others of the Franklin Square House, Boston, in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes; and the same was referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Brockton, —
pension for
Michael
McMahon.

Mr. Manning of Brockton presented a petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to pension Michael McMahon. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Swig of Boston, for the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 951) of John Rodgers, Jr., that the charter of the Chattel Loan Company be revoked.

Chattel Loan Company, — revocation of charter.

By Mr. Young of Spencer, for the same committee, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Bank Commissioner (House, No. 29) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 30 to 33, inclusive).

Bank Commissioner, — recommendations.

By Mr. Collings of Edgartown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 961) of Arthur N. Newhall that provision be made for an increase in the supply of food fish throughout the Commonwealth [Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, of the House, dissenting].

Food fish, — increased supply.

By Mr. Cowdry of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 125) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a reduction in the hours of labor for employees in paper mills [Messrs. Morrill of Haverhill, Manning of Brockton and Kelley of Worcester, of the House, dissenting].

Employees in paper mills, — hours of labor.

By Mr. Robinson of Somerville, for the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 36) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Allan C. Morrison be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred on account of injuries received by him in the discharge of military duties.

Allan C. Morrison, — reimbursement.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on State House and Libraries, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the trustees of the State Library (House, No. 235).

State Library, — recommendations.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1000), a Bill relative to wards and voting precincts in the city of Boston (House, No. 1284). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Boston, — wards and voting precincts.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on passing the bill to be engrossed.

Somerville, — reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

To permit the taking of animals from traps on the Lord's Day; Bills enacted.

To authorize the appointment of John T. Roche as a permanent police officer of the city of Newton;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of parks, parkways and boulevards under the control of the Metropolitan Park Com-

mission and for the maintenance of the sewerage and water systems under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Authorizing the city of Springfield to acquire land in the town of Longmeadow for park purposes (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 423) of John Cronin relative to the establishment of the two-platoon service in the fire forces of the city of Holyoke;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of Cornelius Boothman that the Commonwealth purchase certain insurance policies for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States government;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 761) of James M. Keaney that the status of police officers in the classified civil service who are now serving in the army or navy of the United States be defined; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 904) of William N. Todd and others that the salaries of the official stenographers of the Superior Court be established;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Roland D. Sawyer that the fee be established for the registration of Ford motor vehicles; and

Of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the annual report of the State Department of Health on the purification and prevention of pollution of the sources of water supply and the inland waters of the Commonwealth (House, No. 537) as relates to water supply;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 77) of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, that forest plantations be established for demonstration purposes;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, no legislation necessary, on the annual statement of the Bank Commissioner of the condition of incorporated banks (printed in Pub. Doc. No. 8);

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 948) of James T. Harris for the establishment of trust companies to invest only in real estate; and

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the assessing department of the city of Boston; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 735) of Harrison H. Atwood that not more than a majority of the assistant or deputy tax collectors of the city of Boston shall be of the same political party;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the county of Norfolk to pay a sum of money to the dependent sister of Adolph F. A. Schulz (House, No. 1068, changed);

To extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles (House, No. 1280); and

To authorize the cities of Salem and Beverly to borrow money in connection with the reconstruction of Essex bridge over the Danvers river (House, No. 1281);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to municipal lighting plants (House, No. 273, changed);

Relative to the returns of municipal lighting plants (House, No. 278, changed); and

To validate the annual town meeting of the town of Sturbridge in the present year (House, No. 1236); and

Resolves:

In favor of Peter P. Monahan of Westfield (House, No. 1277);

In favor of Nicholas B. Lake of Salisbury (House, No. 1278); and

Relative to the refunding of certain taxes on income (House, No. 1279);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate the subject of protecting the banks of the Mystic lakes in the towns of Arlington and Winchester (Senate, No. 258) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states (House, No. 206) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

On the point of order previously raised by Mr. Young of Weston, that the amendments moved by Mr. Arnold of Boston were broader in their scope than the recommendations of the Board of Registration in Medicine on which the bill was based, the Speaker ruled as follows: —

House Rule 40 assumes that reports of state officials shall be considered on the same basis as petitions, and House Rule 90

Ruling by
the Speaker.

provides that no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Under various rulings on Rule 90 it has been held that anything broader in its scope than the petition cannot be entertained. In this instance the Board of Registration in Medicine has made specific recommendations for legislation. The proposed amendments would make other substantive changes in the existing law, and are, therefore, broader in their scope than the recommendations. The point of order is, therefore, well taken.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Albert Mehlinger that additional authority be granted to the mayor and fire commissioner of the city of Boston with respect to fixing the hours of duty of members of the fire department, was considered.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

Subsequently, the remaining matters having been disposed of, the same member moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion was adopted, by a vote of 79 to 0.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103) of the Massachusetts Permanent Firemen's Association for the division of permanent members of fire departments into day and night forces, was considered.

Mr. Baxter of Lynn moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted, by a vote of 39 to 28.

The report of the committee on Fisheries and Game, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game relative to the advisability of establishing a hatchery especially adapted for the propagation of salt water fish (House, No. 324), was considered;

Mr. Wonson of Gloucester moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Resolve relative to the establishment of a salt water hatchery (printed in House, No. 324).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 25 to 47; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, that county treasurers be allowed such clerical assistance and at such compensation as may be approved by their county commissioners, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the report and petition be recommitted; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence in the recommittal.

The Bill to authorize the sale by the Chief of the District Police of the steamer "Lexington" (House, No. 1282) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of local weighers, measurers and surveyors of commodities (Senate, No. 276) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees enlisted in or drafted for the service of the United States (House, No. 1275) was read a third time.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "counties", in line 5, the words "; by striking out the word 'leaving', in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'in'; by inserting after the word 'service', in the same line, the words 'on April six, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and who leave such service'"; by inserting after the word "employees", in lines 8 and 16, the words "in their service on April six, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and who are"; by striking out, in line 11, the word "leaving", and inserting in place thereof the word "in"; and by inserting after the word "service", in line 12, the words "on April six, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and who leave such service."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At ten minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Baker of Marlborough, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, March 4, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

Mr. Winchester of Boston offered an order, which was read; and, on the question on the adoption thereof, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Bliss of Malden.

Mr. Winchester then moved that the further consideration of the order be postponed until the next session; and this motion was negatived.

After debate Mr. Channing H. Cox of Boston moved (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) that the order be amended by the substitution of the following:—

Confidence in
Senators Henry
Cabot Lodge
and John W.
Weeks.

Ordered, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts that it has entire confidence in its senators in Congress, Henry Cabot Lodge and John W. Weeks; and it hereby records its high appreciation of their untiring efforts in support of the war.

On the question on the adoption of this amendment the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Cox; and on the roll call 194 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Ballantyne, John
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Bower, Arthur

Messrs. Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Browne, Arthur S.
Brunell, George J.
Burke, Frank J.
Burr, Arthur E.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butler, Frederick
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Carrick, George H.
Cashman, John B.
Clark, Henry S.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Conroy, William S.
Cooke, Harry A.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corey, Edwin S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Cox, Channing H.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Craig, William F.
Cronin, John
Crooks, Clarence A.
Crowley, John T.
Daggett, Warren C.

Messrs. Dean, Henry E.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hays, Martin
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.

Messrs. Martin, Robert B.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihah, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

NAYS.

Messrs. Manning, Frank A.
McDonnell, William H.

Mr. Charles A. Winchester.

194 yeas; 3 nays.

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville then moved that the action of the House in ordering the yeas and nays on the question of the adoption of the order, be rescinded; and this motion prevailed.

The order, as amended by the substitution of the foregoing order, was then adopted.

Mr. Underhill then moved that the order offered by Mr. Winchester be expunged from the records; and this motion prevailed.

The Speaker then returned to the chair.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Neponset
river, —
navigable
facilities.

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 962) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the improvement of the navigable facilities of the Neponset river, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs; and

Boston, —
tax limit.

Of the committee on Taxation, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 195) of Charles E. Fay that a tax limit be established for the city of Boston, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read; and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports:

Military and
naval training
school.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 878) of William H. McDonnell for the establishment of a military and naval training school by the Commonwealth [Mr. Murphy of Boston, of the House, dissenting]; and

Buildings and
land, —
separate
assessment.

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 533) of The Massachusetts Single Tax League that buildings, land improvements and the site value of land be assessed separately;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Trusts.

A Bill relative to trusts (printed as House, No. 857) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Drafting of
aliens.

Resolutions memorializing the President and the Congress of these United States to devise means for the drafting of aliens (Senate, No. 277) (new draft of House resolutions No. 302), adopted by the Senate, were read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

The House Bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 1229) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding after section 1 the following new section: "SECTION 2. The provisions of chapter four hundred and ninety-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, relating to the hours of labor of public employees, shall not apply to persons employed under the provisions of this act."

State Board of Agriculture, — purchase of farm machinery.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

The House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Smith, Hardy and Buckley had been joined.

Brockton, — Home for Aged Men.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Lyman of Easthampton, Newhall of Stoneham and Murphy of Lowell as the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214). Sent up for concurrence.

Firemen and their dependents, — state aid.

The House order That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, and especially the methods employed in the marketing of fish, the circumstances affecting the current abnormal prices, the rapid increase in the cost to the consumer, the cold storage of fish as affecting the price thereof, the conditions attending the receipt of fish at the Fish Pier in Boston and the methods employed in disposing of the same, and the relation of the wholesale to the retail price, — came down adopted, in concurrence, and with the endorsement that Messrs. Sanford, Hart and Morris have been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Joint special committee, — investigation of the fish industry of the Commonwealth.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Allen of Newton, Bliss of Malden, Briggs of Plymouth, Mitchell of Springfield and McNamee of Boston the committee on the part of the House; and the order was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the salaries of prison officers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 91), — and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Read, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Prison officers, — salaries.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following orders severally ought to be adopted: —

Committee on
Public Service,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, within the city of Boston, on Tuesday, March 5.

Committee on
Social Welfare,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, February 13.

Id.

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on March 6.

Severally considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought not to be adopted: —

Justices of the
Supreme
Judicial Court,
— appropriations by the
Constitutional
Convention.

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be requested to inform the House of Representatives whether, in their opinion, the Constitutional Convention has authority to expend or appropriate money for the expenses of the Convention or for the compensation of its members.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith, and rejected.

Joint special
committee, —
relations
between
officials and
employees of
the Boston
Elevated Rail-
way Company.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the relations existing between the officials and employees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and especially to determine whether or not there is or has been collusion between said officials and the Boston Carmen's Union, or between any representatives or organizations representing or acting for said officials and employees, — ought not to be adopted.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the order.

Great ponds, —
state survey.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to authorizing said commission to make surveys of great ponds (accompanied by bill, House, No. 176).

Lynn harbor
flats and
uplands, —
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 392) of John H. Cogswell relative to the dredging of certain flats in Lynn harbor and to the development of the uplands in connection therewith [Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, of the House, dissenting].

Essex county
beaches, —
public control.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 963) of James E. Tolman for an investigation concerning the acquisition by the Commonwealth, the county of Essex or the cities and towns therein of the control of the beaches within said county [Mr. Brown, of the Senate, and Mr. Bower of Lawrence, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. Perham of Chelmsford, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the care and supervision of the nontidal part of the Taunton river (accompanied by bill, House, No. 173) [Mr. Brown, of the Senate, and Mr. Haynes of Scituate, of the House, dissenting].

Nontidal
Taunton river,
— state
supervision.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the care and supervision of the Westfield, Chicopee, Deerfield and Millers rivers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 174) [Mr. Brown, of the Senate, and Mr. Haynes of Scituate, of the House, dissenting].

Westfield,
Chicopee,
Deerfield and
Millers rivers,
— state
supervision.

By Mr. Bower of Lawrence, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of James E. Tolman that Mill river in the city of Gloucester be dredged and improved.

Mill river in
Gloucester, —
improvement.

By Mr. Morse of Danvers, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of George P. Borlen relative to the sale of sausage meat.

Sausage meat,
— sale.

By Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital School (House, No. 222).

Massachusetts
Hospital
School, —
additional land.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 785) of Flavel Shurtleff that planning boards in cities and towns be given the powers of boards of survey.

Planning
boards, —
powers of
boards of
survey.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1043) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of junior police organizations by cities and towns.

Junior police
organizations.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to amend an act relative to medical inspection in public schools (House, No. 167) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Public schools,
— medical
inspection.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the granting of badges of honor to Massachusetts' soldiers who served on the Mexican border (House, No. 310, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1286).

Soldiers who
served on the
Mexican
border, —
certificates of
honor.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill relative to the management of co-operative banks (House, No. 674).

Co-operative
banks, —
management.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 227) as was referred to said

Factories and
workshops, —
receptacles for
expectoration.

committee (accompanied by bill, House, No. 229), a Bill relative to receptacles for expectoration in factories and workshops (House, No. 1285).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Naval
militia.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to amend the militia law in respect to the naval militia (House, No. 605) ought to pass.

Soldiers'
Home in
Massachusetts.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, ought to pass (House, No. 1288).

Boston Ele-
vated and
subway
stations, —
guard rails.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for an investigation by the Public Service Commission relative to the maintenance of guard rails on platforms of elevated and subway stations in the city of Boston, ought to pass (House, No. 1287).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Boston
municipal
court, —
expenses of
probation
officer.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the probation officer of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 764, changed by adding a new section, as follows: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston."). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Mount Tom
State Reser-
vation, —
sale of land.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the sale of certain land of the Mount Tom State Reservation (House, No. 574).

Rivers and
streams, —
conservation
of power.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170), a Resolve providing for further investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and streams of the Commonwealth (House, No. 175).

Massachusetts
School for
the Feeble-
Minded, —
improvements.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on the recommendations of the trustees of the following-named school (House, No. 270), a Resolve providing for improvements for the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

Lakeville State
Sanatorium, —
addition.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for an addition to the power plant and laundry at the Lakeville State Sanatorium (House, No. 66).

Norfolk State
Hospital, —
women
inebriates.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, No. 217), a Bill to provide for the transfer of women inebriates to the Norfolk State Hospital (House, No. 218).

Mary A. Kelly
of West-
borough.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Mary A. Kelly of Westborough

(House, No. 1127, changed by striking out, in line 3, the word "twenty-five", and inserting in place thereof the word "sixteen").

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to provide an additional appropriation for clerical services for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 777, changed by striking out, in section 2, the word "passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "acceptance by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston").

Suffolk county register of probate, — clerical assistance.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the last session, passed to be engrossed, as amended, the Bill relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees enlisted in or drafted for the service of the United States (House, No. 1275); and this motion prevailed.

Counties and municipalities, — payments to enlisted men.

Pending the recurring question the same member moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: — "SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and fifty-four of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — 'Section 1. Counties, cities and towns are hereby authorized to pay employees who were in their service on March twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and who, between that date and the close of the war as determined by the United States government, leave such service for the purpose of entering the military or naval service of the United States, or are drafted into the said military or naval service during the said period, an amount equal to the difference between the compensation which such employees were receiving at the time of leaving such service and the pay they receive while in said military or naval service under the acts of congress and of this commonwealth, including aid to their dependents. The payments herein provided for shall date from the time when the employee leaves the service of the county, city or town, and shall continue to be made for six months after the close of the war as determined aforesaid, unless the recipient is sooner discharged.' "

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1289), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to demands to be made for the payment of taxes by collectors; Bills enacted.

To consolidate the water and sewer departments of the town of Amesbury;

To provide for the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions;

To provide for the mailing of certain legislative documents to subscribers;

Relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Arlington;

To authorize the county of Essex to pay the balance of the salary of Edward B. George;

Relative to the filing of certain policies with the Insurance Commissioner and the provisions thereof;

Further extending the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over corporations engaged in the business of transmitting intelligence by electricity;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the construction of sewerage works within the watershed of the Charles River Basin by the city of Boston (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health relative to the improvement of Hale's brook in the city of Lowell (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Bank Commissioner (House, No. 29) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 30 to 33, inclusive);

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 951) of John Rodgers, Jr., that the charter of the Chattel Loan Company be revoked;

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 961) of Arthur N. Newhall that provision be made for an increase in the supply of food fish throughout the Commonwealth;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 36) of Edward N. Dahlborg that Allan C. Morrison be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred on account of injuries received by him in the discharge of military duties; and

Of the committee on State House and Libraries, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the trustees of the State Library (House, No. 235);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to wards and voting precincts in the city of Boston (House, No. 1284) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the county of Norfolk to pay a sum of money to the dependent sister of Adolph F. A. Schulz (House, No. 1068, changed); and

To authorize the cities of Salem and Beverly to borrow money in connection with the reconstruction of Essex bridge over the Danvers river (House, No. 1281);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of local weighers, measurers and surveyors of commodities (Senate, No. 276) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed) was considered; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 125) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a reduction in the hours of labor for employees in paper mills, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to regulate the hours of labor of certain employees in paper mills operating day and night (House, No. 125).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read, and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The Bill to authorize the sale by the Chief of the District Police of the steamer "Lexington" (House, No. 1282) was read a third time.

Mr. Pierce of Greenfield moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to authorize the sale of the steamer "Lexington", now owned by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 1156).

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 25 to 79. The bill was then passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At four minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, March 5, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Expenses of Committees.

Committees of
the General
Court, —
travelling
expenses.

A communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, transmitting a statement, as required by the 3d joint rule, of all bills presented to the Auditor of the Commonwealth during the month of February for the travelling expenses of committees of the General Court (House, No. 1291) was read and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Committee on
Water Supply,
— travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of New Bedford, on or before March 9.

Resolutions.

Veterans of
Mexican and
civil wars, —
increased
pensions.

Mr. Baxter of Lynn presented Resolutions in favor of the passage by Congress of the bill increasing the pensions of certain veterans. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Medford, —
board of
public works.

A report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1061) of Charles S. Baxter that a board of public works be established in the city of Medford, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Dealings in
real estate, —
taxation of
income.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and eighteen."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Boston retire-
ment fund, —
sewer
inspectors.

Notice was received that the House Bill to provide that sewer inspectors may share in the retirement fund for laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 356) had been rejected by the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 173, 174, 176, 177 and 178, and by resolve, House, No. 175).

Commission on
Waterways
and Public
Lands, —
recommen-
dations.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 696) of Peter J. Casey for the repeal of the statute relating to the removal from office of attorneys-at-law.

Attorneys, —
removal.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 336) of Samuel H. Capen and others relative to labor performed by prisoners and to the penalty for the escape of prisoners.

Escape of
prisoners, —
penalty.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 589) of Richard W. Hale relative to the reinstatement of attorneys removed from the bar.

Attorneys, —
reinstatement.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 590) of Richard W. Hale that provision be made for the speedy trial of causes in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Boston
municipal
court, —
speedy trials.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 146) of Mark Temple Dowling relative to hearings and appeals on orders for the enforcement of building laws.

Enforcement
of building
laws, —
hearings and
appeals.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 492) of Charles A. Littlefield and another that the time be extended within which petitions may be brought for land damages caused by the laying out of Market street in the city of Lynn [Mr. Barry of Lynn, of the House, dissenting.]

Market street
in Lynn, —
petitions for
damages.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Frank A. Foster that advertising the sale of articles of food be prohibited.

Sale of food,
— advertise-
ments.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 579) of Frank W. Grinnell that actions for deceit be included under the provisions of the law relating to the survival of actions.

Survival of
actions, —
actions for
deceit.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 709) of Jacob Wasserman that sales of merchandise or fixtures in bulk in fraud of creditors be prohibited [Mr. Wasserman of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Sales of mer-
chandise in
fraud of
creditors.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 493) of Matthew A. Higgins that certain judgments, orders, decrees and other processes affecting persons in the military or naval service of the United States be suspended during the continuance of the war.

Judgments,
etc., affecting
enlisted men, —
suspension.

Hotel and
restaurant
employees, —
time off duty.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, for the committee on Labor, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for one day off in seven for employees in hotels and restaurants [Messrs. Morrill of Haverhill, Manning of Boston and Kelley of Worcester, of the House, dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 177) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that provision be made for one day off in seven days for employees in hotels and restaurants [Messrs. Morrill of Haverhill, Manning of Boston and Kelley of Worcester, of the House, dissenting].

Public service
corporations, —
employment
of aliens.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1098) of Edward I. Kelley that no public service corporation shall be allowed to employ aliens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one.

Price of gas.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 399) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that unwarranted increases in the price of gas be prohibited.

Boston, —
retirement
allowance for
laborers.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 132) of M. F. O'Brien, for the Federated State, City and Town Employees' Unions, for legislation relative to the retirement allowance for laborers employed by the city of Boston.

Wages of
women and
minors, —
uniform state
laws.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 919) of E. Mark Sullivan for the appointment of a commission to study the question of uniformity of state laws with respect to the wages of women and minors employed in various industries.

Free Public
Library Com-
missioners, —
recommen-
dations.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 104) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 105 and 106).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Quincy, —
state armory.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the construction of a state armory in the city of Quincy (House, No. 1123) be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on referring the resolve to the next General Court.

Miscellaneous
appropri-
ations.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1290).

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, for the committee on Labor, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the weekly payment of wages to employees of clubs in cities (printed as Senate, No. 175). Employees of clubs in cities, — weekly wages.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, on a petition, a Bill relative to the taking of land by eminent domain for transmission lines by electric companies (House, No. 851) [Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, of the House, dissenting]. Electric companies, — land takings.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Resolve to provide that Warren F. Spalding, a veteran of the civil war, shall be entitled to the benefits of the law in relation to the retirement of veterans from the service of the Commonwealth (House, No. 902). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means. Warren F. Spalding, — veterans' retirement benefits.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the instruction of the adult blind at their homes; Bills enacted.

Relative to the residence of the trustees of the Pratt Free School;

Relative to the deposit in the State Library of certain reports of hearings;

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser;

Increasing the amount allowed for the travelling expenses of members of the General Court; and

To provide a Saturday half-holiday for laborers and others employed by the city of Waltham;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate the subject of protecting the banks of the Mystic lakes in the towns of Arlington and Winchester (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

The engrossed Bill to ascertain the will of the people as to the manner of nominating candidates for certain state offices (which originated in the House) (see House, No. 1218, amended) was put upon its final passage. Nomination of certain candidates, — referendum.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted and referring it to the people for their rejection or approval, the yeas and nays were taken, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and of Joint Rule No. 22; and on the roll call 161 members voted in the affirmative and 55 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Frank
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burr, Arthur E.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.

Messrs. Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Hayes, James W.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.

Messrs. Orr, John Glenn
Packard, Walter T.
Paine, Arthur W.
Pepin, Chauncey
Perham, Walter
Pierce, Frederick E.
Powers, Leland
Prescott, Francis
Putnam, Frank H.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Richards, George Louis
Rowley, Charles F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Shedd, Harry L.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.

Messrs. Snow, Dexter A.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Spinney, Burgess H.
Tarbell, Warren E.
Tolman, James E.
Torrey, Frank A.
Underhill, Charles L.
Warner, Joseph E.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Winchester, Charles A.
Wood, Isaac U.
Wood, Wilbur A.
Woodill, Harry C.
Young, Benjamin Loring

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, J. Weston
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bellows, Alton L.
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bower, Arthur
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Browne, Arthur S.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butler, Frederick
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Claus, Frederic F.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foster, William
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Gould, Charles W.
Granger, Clarence H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Harriman, Rowland P.

Messrs. Hull, John C.
Johnson, William L.
Jones, Arthur W.
Jordan, Michael H.
Kneeland, William A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Martin, Robert B.
McAllister, John H.
Mellen, Walter L.
Morrill, Charles H.
Nason, Arthur L.
Odlin, James E.
Ollendorff, William W.
Osborne, John N.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Robinson, Arthur W.
Smith, Jerome S.
Swig, Simon
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Walker, George
Wall, Albert T.
Wasserman, Jacob
Waterman, George B.
Wheeler, Bion T.
Whitman, Albert L.
Wonson, Carlton W.
Young, Myron A.

161 yeas; 55 nays.

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted and referred to the people for their rejection or approval; and it was signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court: Orders of the day.

On so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the care and supervision of the non-tidal part of the Taunton river (accompanied by bill, House, No. 173);

On so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the care and supervision of the Westfield, Chicopee, Deerfield and Millers rivers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 174);

On so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to authorizing said commission to make surveys of great ponds (accompanied by bill, House, No. 176);

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 392) of John H. Cogswell relative to the dredging of certain flats in Lynn harbor and to the development of the uplands in connection therewith; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of James E. Tolman that Mill river in the city of Gloucester be dredged and improved;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital School (House, No. 222); and

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 785) of Flavel Shurtleff that planning boards in cities and towns be given the powers of boards of survey; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1043) of Alfred Ray Mitchell and others for the establishment of junior police organizations by cities and towns;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 878) of William H. McDonnell for the establishment of a military and naval training school by the Commonwealth, was accepted, in concurrence.

The order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the relations existing between the officials and employees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and especially to determine whether or not there is or has been collusion between said officials and the Boston Carmen's Union, or between any representatives or organizations representing or acting for said officials and employees, was rejected, as recommended by the joint committee on Rules.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (House, No. 1229) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To regulate the hours of labor of certain employees in paper mills operating day and night (House, No. 125);

To amend the militia law in respect to the naval militia (House, No. 605);

Relative to the management of co-operative banks (House, No. 674);

To provide for the granting of certificates of honor to Massachusetts' soldiers who served on the Mexican border (House, No. 1286); and

Relative to trusts (printed as House, No. 857); and

Resolves:

Providing for an investigation by the Public Service Commission relative to the maintenance of guard rails on platforms of elevated and subway stations in the city of Boston (House, No. 1287); and

In favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (House, No. 1288);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 1276);

To extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles (House, No. 1280); and

Relative to wards and voting precincts in the city of Boston (House, No. 1284);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for certain recess expenses of the Constitutional Convention (House, No. 1228) was considered; the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston withdraw the amendments previously moved by him, there being no objection; and after debate the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of the same member, and the resolve was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriation therefor (House, No. 1227) was considered; the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, and the resolve was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 103) of the Massachusetts Permanent Firemen's Association for the division of permanent members of fire departments into day and night forces, was considered.

Mr. Scigliano of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide for the division into day and night forces of permanent members of fire departments (printed as Senate, No. 103).

After debate the same member moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until after the disposition

of the remaining matters in the orders of the day; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

Subsequently, the remaining matters having been disposed of, Mr. Scigliano moved that his pending amendment be amended as follows:—

In section 5, by striking out, in line 2, the word "ten", and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-five"; and

By inserting after section 5 the following new section: "SECTION 6. All other acts and city and town ordinances providing for the time off duty, leaves of absence other than those specified in section four of this act, or regulating the hours of duty of the members of the fire-fighting force, are hereby repealed as far as they affect the city or town in which this act takes effect."

The amendments of the amendment were rejected, by a vote of 38 to 63; the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Albert Mehlinger that additional authority be granted to the mayor and fire commissioner of the city of Boston with respect to fixing the hours of duty of members of the fire department, was considered.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

Subsequently, the remaining matters having been disposed of, the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 963) of James E. Tolman for an investigation concerning the acquisition by the Commonwealth, the county of Essex or the cities and towns therein of the control of the beaches within said county, was considered.

Mr. Tolman of Gloucester moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Resolve providing for the appointment of a commission to report on the taking over of certain beaches in the county of Essex (House, No. 963).

After debate (Mr. Burr of Boston being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 609) of George P. Borlen relative to the sale of sausage meat, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 533) of The Massachusetts Single Tax League that buildings, land improvements and the site value of land be assessed separately, was considered.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to require the separate assessment of buildings, land improvements and the site value of land (House, No. 533).

After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to amend an act relative to medical inspection in public schools (House, No. 167) was considered; and after debate it was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, by a vote of 59 to 24.

The Bill relative to receptacles for expectoration in factories and workshops (House, No. 1285) was read a second time; and after debate the House refused to order the bill to a third reading.

At four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Morse of Danvers, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams, —

Arthur E.
Burr, — com-
pensation.

Ordered, That Arthur E. Burr of Boston, member of the House from the Eighth Suffolk Representative District, be allowed compensation for the full session.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Committee on
Municipal
Finance, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Municipal Finance be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on or before March 15.

Reports:

Chelsea fire-
men, — time
off duty.

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to granting members of the fire department of the city of Chelsea certain time off duty; and

Medical schools,
— dental law.

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 185) of Katherine A. Fenelon that legally chartered medical schools be exempt from educational restrictions of the dental law;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Plymouth
county, —
sittings of
Superior Court
at Brockton.

Providing for adjournment to Brockton of criminal sittings of the Superior Court for the county of Plymouth (Senate, No. 271, amended) (new draft of a bill substituted for a report, leave to withdraw, on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144); and

Quincy, —
taxation of
state lands.

Relative to the taxation of certain Commonwealth lands in the city of Quincy (printed as House, No. 801) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 652 and 801);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Shirley-Eustis
House Asso-
ciation.

The House Bill relative to the corporate purpose of The Shirley-Eustis House Association (House, No. 1257) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: —

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brockton; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The engrossed Bill to establish a minimum wage for laborers employed by the city of Worcester (see House, No. 424, changed) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Worcester, —
minimum wage
for laborers.

"The city council of the city of Worcester, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to establish by ordinance a minimum wage for all city laborers, or for laborers in specified departments."

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Johnson.

The House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Beck, Gifford and McLaughlin had been joined.

Firemen and
their de-
pendents, —
state aid.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 285) of Joseph O. Knox that the tenure of the city clerk of the city of Somerville be established, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Public Service; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Somerville, —
tenure of city
clerk.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John L. Donovan that Dominick J. Harkins be reinstated in the public works department of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1292) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Boston, — re-
instatement of
Dominick
J. Harkins.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to pension Michael McMahon. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1293) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Brockton, —
pension for
Michael
McMahon.

Somerville, —
metropolitan
drainage of
Medford street.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor, for the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1294) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Reading, —
interest on
water
securities.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Reading relative to the rate of interest on water securities issued by said town. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1295) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Union Freight
Railway in
Boston, —
electrification.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Edward A. Scigliano for the electrification of the Union Freight Railway in the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1296) was referred to the committee on Railroads, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company, —
taxes and
expenses.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Robert S. Goff that the Bay State Street Railway Company be relieved from the payment of certain taxes and expenses. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1297) was referred to the committee on Street Railways, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Public officials
and employees,
— political
activity.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 279) of Andrew J. Peters, mayor of the city of Boston, that political activity by officials and employees in the public service be prohibited. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Channel of
Town river
in Quincy, —
improvement.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Edward J. Sandberg and others that the channel of Town river in the city of Quincy be improved by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The House refused to sus-

pend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 335) of the Massachusetts Fish & Game Protective Association that the issuance of combined fishing and hunting licenses be authorized [Messrs. Hardy and Brown, of the Senate, and Mr. Bennett of Springfield, of the House, dissenting].

Combined
fishing and
hunting
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 572) of William G. Snell and another relative to the artificial propagation of alewives.

Alewives, —
artificial prop-
agation.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 966) of William H. Hearn for the appointment of a commission to consider the expediency of the Commonwealth's insuring property against loss by fire.

State fire
insurance.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 539) of James T. Bagshaw relative to an investigation by the Insurance Commissioner of the rates for fire insurance.

Fire insurance
rates, — in-
vestigation.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1082) of James T. Bagshaw for an investigation by a special commission of the rates charged for fire insurance.

Id.

By Mr. Wall of Worcester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1083) of John L. Donovan relative to the cash surrender value of industrial insurance policies.

Industrial in-
surance policies,
— surrender
value.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1084) of John L. Donovan that the full amount of fire insurance policies be paid in cases of total loss.

Fire insurance
policies, —
payment for
total loss.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 581) of Waldron H. Rand, Jr., relative to the use as evidence of copies of records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks.

Records of
trust companies
and national
banks, — use
as evidence.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 710) of Jacob Wasserman that the fraudulent drawing of checks and drafts be prohibited [Mr. Wasserman of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Fraudulent
checks and
drafts.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 849) of John C. Hammond and another relative to certain methods of procedure in suits in equity.

Suits in equity,
— procedure.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, for the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 981) of Andrew P. Doyle that mechanical devices used for

Labor recording
devices, —
inspection.

the purpose of ascertaining hours of labor be inspected by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures.

War industries,
— interference.

By Mr. Manning of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 712) of Charles L. Underhill for the prevention of interference with the operation of industries connected with the war.

Sealers of
weights and
measures, —
fees.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 443) of Oakes A. Bridgham that all fees for sealing weights, measures, scales and balances be abolished [Mr. Harrington of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1114) of William N. Stetson that fees for the sealing of weights and measures be abolished [Mr. Harrington of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

Firewood in
bulk, — sale.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 726) of William G. Lord that the sale of firewood in bulk be regulated.

Measurement
of timber, —
standard
caliper.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1110) of E. H. Gibson that a standard caliper be established for the measurement of timber.

Telephone
registers.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Charles A. Winchester that telephone companies be required to equip certain telephones with registers [Messrs. Odlin of Lynn, Harrington of Fall River and Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Boston harbor,
— pollution by
sewage, etc.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no legislation necessary, on the report of the chairman of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, the Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth and the commissioner of public works of the city of Boston relative to the pollution by sewage of Boston harbor and neighboring waters and to the removal from the sewage of merchantable products contained therein (House, No. 1215).

Boston, — use
of basements
of buildings.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1116) of Philip J. Feinberg and John P. Mahoney relative to the use of basements of buildings in the city of Boston.

State Prison,
— investigation
as to a new site.

By Mr. Southworth of New Bedford, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to an investigation by the Director as to a new site for the State Prison (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 82).

Railroads and
street railways,
— switch con-
nections and
interchange
tracks.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, for the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 632) of Thomas P. Riley relative to the authority of the

Public Service Commission in respect to switch connections and interchange tracks of railroad corporations and street railway companies.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw (for the reason that the subject-matter has already been acted upon), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1041) of the Highway Safety League that applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be examined.

Operators of motor vehicles, — examination.

By Mr. Dennis of Sandwich, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of Frank A. Foster that the speed of motor vehicles be limited.

Motor vehicles, — speed.

By Mr. Baker of Marlborough, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of David L. Kelley that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to complete the state highway in the town of Acushnet.

Acushnet, — state highway.

By Mr. Nelson of Worcester, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the report of the county commissioners of the county of Franklin relative to reconstructing the bridge over the Connecticut river between the towns of Greenfield and Montague (House, No. 545).

Connecticut river, — bridge between Greenfield and Montague.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 460) of Lawrence F. Quigley that the hours of employment of women engaged in theatrical enterprises be limited.

Women in theatres, — hours of labor.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 162) of James F. Savage relative to the retirement of disabled county employees.

Disabled county employees, — retirement.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 912) of George H. Jennings that the employment of women and minors between certain hours by street railway companies be prohibited.

Street railway companies, — employment of women and minors.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1137) of Mary Hobby and others relative to registration and care of the feeble-minded.

Feeble-minded persons, — registration and care.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1139) of Charles H. Morrill that the age at which minors may be employed in certain industries be raised from fourteen to sixteen years.

Minors, — employment age.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, reference to the next General Court, on the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending the completion of the State House grounds and the erection of a reproduction of the John Hancock House (House, No. 1153).

State House grounds, — completion; John Hancock House, — reproduction.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the appointment by the

Sergeant-at-Arms, — assistant document clerk.

Sergeant-at-Arms of an assistant clerk of the legislative document division (House, No. 768) be referred to the next General Court.

State House grounds, — completion.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, that the Resolve (taken from the files of last year) providing for the completion of the State House grounds (House, No. 416) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

Thomas O. Long.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of Thomas O. Long (House, No. 138, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1303).

State House grounds, — land claims.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the completion of the State House grounds (House, No. 790) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: Bill making an appropriation for certain claims against the Commonwealth for land taken to improve the State House grounds (House, No. 1302).

Essex county, — reconstruction of Essex bridge between Salem and Beverly.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill to increase the sum that may be expended by the county of Essex for reconstructing the Essex bridge over the Danvers river between the cities of Salem and Beverly (House, No. 828).

George W. Brown of Newburyport, — retirement.

By Mr. Wonson of Gloucester, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement of George W. Brown of Newburyport under the provisions of the teachers' retirement act (House, No. 1170).

Group life insurance.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the committee on Insurance, on a part of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 47), a Bill relative to group life insurance (House, No. 1300).

Mutual fire insurance companies.

By Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 303), a Bill to extend the authority of mutual fire insurance companies to transact business (House, No. 1301).

Lower courts, — notice of entry of judgment.

-By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to provide for notice of entry of judgment in police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 697, changed in section 2 by striking out, in line 1, the words "upon its passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and eighteen").

Watertown, — interest on securities.

By Mr. Bartlett of Brockton, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the town of Watertown (House, No. 1251).

Venereal diseases, — reports and records.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of a bill recommitted (House, No. 212), a Bill relative to reports and records of venereal diseases (House, No. 1298).

Venereal diseases, — information.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of a bill recommitted (House, No. 212), a Bill to authorize registered

physicians and surgeons to disclose information pertaining to venereal diseases (House, No. 1299).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in towns of less than three million dollars' valuation (House, No. 371) ought to pass, with an amendment adding at the end of the bill the following new sections: "SECTION 5. The commission may expend during the present year, if by them deemed necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, from the receipts from motor vehicle fees." "SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Small towns,
— repair of
highways.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for compensating sundry persons for the loss of horses hired by the National Guard prior to the departure of said guard for the Mexican border in June, 1916 (House, No. 741) ought to pass.

Owners of
horses used
by the
National
Guard, —
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Ellen F. Cody of Salem (House, No. 1118, changed) ought to pass.

Ellen F. Cody
of Salem.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill providing that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in normality of business hearings (House, No. 593, changed) ought to pass.

Normality of
business
hearings, —
notice by
mail.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools (Senate, No. 274) ought to pass.

Superintend-
ents of schools
in towns, —
salaries.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Dennis of Sandwich, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 23), a Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne.

Cohasset
Narrows, —
bridge between
Wareham and
Bourne.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill relative to the pensioning of scrubwomen in the employment of Suffolk county (House, No. 1044).

Suffolk
county, —
pensioning of
scrubwomen.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Bill to provide for the taking of land for the employment of prisoners thereon by the Director of Prisons (House, No. 85).

Prisoners, —
employment
on land.

By Mr. Larocque of Fall River, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the construction of a pavilion for twenty patients at the Lakeville State Sanatorium (House, No. 67).

Lakeville State
Sanatorium, —
pavilion.

Lakeville State
Sanatorium, —
pavilion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the construction at the Lakeville State Sanatorium of a pavilion for ten ex-patient employees (House, No. 68).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the construction of a pavilion for six women at the Lakeville State Sanatorium (House, No. 70).

Westfield State
Sanatorium,
— water
tank and
hydrants.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the erection of a water tank and hydrants at the Westfield State Sanatorium (House, No. 73).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to pilotage;

To authorize the city of Lynn to retire and pension Warren H. McClain;

Providing further cause for the revocation of innholders' and common victuallers' licenses;

To prohibit the furnishing of intoxicating liquors to or by inmates of public institutions;

In addition to the acts making appropriations for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the volunteer service of the United States;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

To provide for the appointment of local weighers, measurers and surveyors of commodities (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve extending the time for the report of the State Department of Health on the use of water from the Ipswich river (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 173, 174, 176, 177 and 178, and by resolve, House, No. 175);

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 146) of Mark Temple Dowling relative to hearings and appeals on orders for the enforcement of building laws;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 336) of Samuel H. Capen and others relative to labor performed by prisoners and to the penalty for the escape of prisoners;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 493) of Matthew A. Higgins that certain judgments, orders, decrees and other processes affecting persons in the military or naval service of the United States be suspended during the continuance of the war;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Frank A. Foster that advertising the sale of articles of food be prohibited;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 579) of Frank W. Grinnell that actions for deceit be included under the provisions of the law relating to the survival of actions;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 589) of Richard W. Hale relative to the reinstatement of attorneys removed from the bar;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 590) of Richard W. Hale that provision be made for the speedy trial of causes in the municipal court of the city of Boston;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 696) of Peter J. Casey for the repeal of the statute relating to the removal from office of attorneys-at-law; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 709) of Jacob Wasserman that sales of merchandise or fixtures in bulk in fraud of creditors be prohibited;

Of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1098) of Edward I. Kelley that no public service corporation shall be allowed to employ aliens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 132) of M. F. O'Brien, for the Federated State, City and Town Employees' Unions, for legislation relative to the retirement allowance for laborers employed by the city of Boston;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 919) of E. Mark Sullivan for the appointment of a commission to study the question of uniformity of state laws with respect to the wages of women and minors employed in various industries; and

Of the committee on State House and Libraries, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 104) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 105 and 106);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1061) of Charles S. Baxter that a board of public works be established in the city of Medford, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the taking of land by eminent domain for transmission lines by electric companies (House, No. 851); and

To provide for the weekly payment of wages to employees of clubs in cities (printed as Senate, No. 175);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To regulate the hours of labor of certain employees in paper mills operating day and night (House, No. 125);

Relative to the constitution of the naval militia (House, No. 605) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the management of co-operative banks (House, No. 674); and

To provide for the granting of certificates of honor to Massachusetts' soldiers who served on the Mexican border (House, No. 1286); and

Resolves:

Providing for an investigation by the Public Service Commission relative to the maintenance of guard rails on platforms of elevated and subway stations in the city of Boston (House, No. 1287); and

In favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (House, No. 1288);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to trusts (printed as House, No. 857) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolutions requesting the President and the Congress to devise and enact measures for the drafting of aliens (Senate, No. 277) (their title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) were considered.

Said committee reported recommending that the resolutions be amended by striking out, in line 10, the words "alien allies", and inserting in place thereof the words "aliens other than enemy aliens".

The amendment was adopted; and the resolutions, as amended, were adopted, in concurrence, as follows: —

Whereas, There are in the United States thousands of aliens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one years who, though physically fitted for military or naval service, are exempt from all liability to be drafted during the present war, which condition is unjust and inexpedient; therefore be it

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby requests the President and the Congress of the United States to devise and enact suitable measures for drafting resident aliens other than enemy aliens of proper age for the military service of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the national House of Representatives, and to the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 492) of Charles A. Littlefield and another that the time be extended within which petitions may be brought for land damages caused by the laying out of Market street in the city of Lynn, was considered.

Mr. Barry of Lynn moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to extend the time of filing certain petitions for land damages caused by the laying out of Market street in the city of Lynn (House, No. 492).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 22 to 67; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Labor, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for one day off in seven for employees in hotels and restaurants, was considered.

Mr. Manning of Boston moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for one day off in seven days for employees in hotels and restaurants (printed as Senate, No. 177).

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Woodill of Melrose.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Manning; and on the roll call (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) 141 members voted in the affirmative and 76 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bentley, James D.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.

Messrs. Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.

Messrs. Hall, Clarence M.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hull, John C.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James

Messrs. Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Swig, Simon
 Tolman, James E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Walker, George
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Worrall, George M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Ballantyne, John
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Carrick, George H.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Gorey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.

Messrs. Dennis, George F.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Ferry, James R.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd

Messrs. Maloney, David J.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Mellen, Walter L.
Merriam, Bernard F.
Meyers, Julius
Morse, George D.
Moulton, J. Warren
Orr, John Glenn
Pierce, Frederick E.
Putnam, Frank H.
Richards, George Louis
Robinson, Arthur W.
Rowley, Charles F.
Sawyer, Roland D.

Messrs. Shedd, Harry L.
Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
Smith, Jerome S.
Torrey, Frank A.
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Wasserman, Jacob
Waterman, George B.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Woodill, Harry C.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

141 yeas; 76 nays.

Therefore the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Subsequently Mr. Allen of Norwood rose to a question of personal privilege, and stated, that, while the roll was being called, he was detained in conversation with a state official in another part of the building; and that, had he been notified of the roll call, he would have been present and have voted in the affirmative. Question of privilege.

The report of the committee on Labor, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 177) of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, by John J. Kearney, that provision be made for one day off in seven days for employees in hotels and restaurants, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 399) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that unwarranted increases in the price of gas be prohibited, was considered.

Mr. McKeon of Worcester moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to prevent unwarranted increase in the price of gas and electricity.

Mr. Tolman of Gloucester raised the point of order that the amendment was broader in its scope than the petition considered by the committee. Point of order.

The Chair (Mr. Bliss of Malden) declared the point of order well taken, for the reason that the petition refers to gas only.

Mr. McKeon then moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide that increases in the price of gas shall be approved by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 1304).

The same member moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Resolve providing for the construction of a state armory in the city of Quincy (House, No. 1123) was considered; and after

debate it was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, by a vote of 70 to 19.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257) was considered.

The House concurred in the amendment, with a further amendment of the bill, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, inserting in line 6, after the word "annum", the words ", whether or not the taxpayer is engaged in the business of dealing in such property".

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

The Bill making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1290) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-three minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Jewett of Lowell (Mr. Bliss being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, March 7, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:—

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 7, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Commonwealth has been and now is passing through a trying experience by reason of the inability of its people to obtain a sufficient supply of fuel to provide the necessary power for their industries, and the necessary heat for their homes. They have already suffered in industry, and what is more, many of them have suffered in their health. It is hoped that the crisis has passed. We are informed that the shortage in the Commonwealth has not wholly resulted from the shortage of coal at the mines. On the contrary, we are assured by those in authority that the amount of coal, both anthracite and bituminous, mined during the past year in this country has been much in excess of that mined during the preceding year. Various causes of the shortage of fuel in this Commonwealth have been suggested, among which are the failure of our coal dealers to procure in the spring and summer months coal in sufficient quantities, an increased consumption, the shortage of tugs used in towing, caused in no small part by the taking of such tugs by the national government, and the inability of the railroads to handle the increased traffic imposed upon them. But whatever the cause, the condition which has resulted has been so acute and serious that it is the plain duty of the representatives of the people of the Commonwealth to do everything within their power to prevent a further continuance or recurrence of this situation, so far as it can be done without infringing upon the legitimate powers of the national government or interfering in any way with the vigorous and successful prosecution of the war.

Message from
the Governor,
— adequate
supply of coal
for next winter.

The economic life and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth depends upon the maintenance of our industries to a larger extent than is the case in most of our sister states. Massachusetts is essentially a manufacturing state, and anything which affects injuriously her industries concerns the welfare of all her people.

The national government is doing what it can to facilitate the distribution of coal to New England, in common with the other states of the Union, but the peculiar condition which exists here

in Massachusetts is better known to us than to the government in Washington. We should at least show a disposition to help ourselves. Everyone will agree that nothing should be attempted to be done which would in any way interfere with the federal government in carrying on the war, but, within the constitutional sphere of the Commonwealth, it is, in my judgment, not only proper, but it is the solemn duty of the General Court to see to it, so far as it is possible to do so, that a repetition of this situation be averted.

I recommend that serious consideration be given to the feasibility of empowering the Governor to take such steps as, in his opinion, may be designed to insure an adequate supply of coal in the Commonwealth during the coming winter, and that a sufficient appropriation, to be expended with the advice of the Council, be made to enable him to execute this power; or that you take such other action as may seem to you better adapted to deal with the situation which I am here asking you to consider.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

The message (House, No. 1305) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, it was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition.

Cambridge, —
pension for
James W.
Barry.

Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge presented a petition of Edward W. Quinn, mayor, that the city of Cambridge be authorized to retire and pension James W. Barry. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Employment
offices, —
state control.

A report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 126) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to transferring the control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries [Mr. Morris, of the Senate, and Messrs. Flanagan of Lawrence, McDonnell of Boston and McKeon of Worcester, of the House, dissenting], accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Certain female
prisoners, —
parole or
discharge.

A Bill to provide for the parole or discharge of certain female prisoners (Senate, No. 283, amended) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 641), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Counties, —
notes in con-
nection with
construction
of hospitals.

A Bill relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients (Senate, No. 287) (new draft of House bill No. 1243), passed to

be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

A Bill to provide for licensing dispensaries (printed as House, No. 751) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

State Department of Health,
— licensing of
dispensaries.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order authorizing the committee on Water Supply to visit the city of New Bedford on or before March 9, ought to pass with an amendment striking out "March 9", and inserting in place thereof "March 15".

Committee on
Water Supply,
— travel.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The amendment was adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, as follows:—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of New Bedford, on or before March 15.

Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, for the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 668) of Frank R. Austin that hog serum and other serums, virus and anti-toxins shall be distributed by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Bureau of
Animal
Industry, —
serums, virus
and anti-
toxins.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 685) of John J. Coady for the establishment of a law library at the courthouse of the county of Bristol in the city of Attleboro.

Attleboro, —
county law
library.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, for the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 111) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the establishment of a university owned and directed by the Commonwealth.

University of
Massachusetts.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Thomas P. Riley and others relative to the education of certain children over the age of fourteen years [Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough and Mr. Moynihan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Children over
fourteen, —
education.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1172) of Samuel Rushton, mayor, and others that a police court be established in the city of Methuen.

Methuen, —
police court.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 979) of Jacob Wasserman relative to mortgages of personal property by merchants and others and requiring notice of such mortgages [Mr. Wasserman of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Mortgages of
personal
property, —
notice.

Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex, — removal of justices.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1094) of James A. Keown and another for an investigation and for the removal by impeachment of the justice and associate justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex.

Chattel mortgages, — form and execution.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 708) of Jacob Wasserman relative to the form and execution of chattel mortgages [Mr. Wasserman of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Involuntary trust resulting from negligence.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1087) of James A. Keown relative to involuntary trust resulting from negligence.

Processes, — indorsements before entry.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Clarence F. Eldredge relative to indorsements of processes before the entry thereof.

Civil and penal procedure, — codes.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of James A. Keown and others relative to the establishment of codes of civil and penal procedure.

Courts, — motion and calendar day.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 701) of James A. Keown and others relative to establishing a motion and calendar day in all the courts of the Commonwealth.

Liens for labor and materials.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1089) of Arthur Berenson relative to liens for labor and materials on buildings and land.

Persons not attorneys, — soliciting legal business.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the soliciting of legal business by persons who are not attorneys-at-law.

Courts, — notice and service.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1088) of William Boyce and another relative to notice and service in the courts of the Commonwealth.

Necessaries of life, — maximum prices.

By Mr. Mahoney of Peabody, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 143) of George E. Curran that the Governor and Council be authorized to establish maximum prices for the retail sale of food and other necessities in times of emergency.

Attorneys from other states, — practice.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1090) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to admitting attorneys from sister states to practice in Massachusetts.

Directors of corporations, — representatives of labor.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 504) of Charles S. O'Connor that certain corporations elect to membership on boards of directors representatives of organized labor [Messrs. Odlin of Lynn and Harrington of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 729) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation regulating the sale of tickets of admission to theatres and other places of amusement. Theatres, etc., — sale of tickets.

By Mr. Burrell of Medford, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of John J. Kearney relative to safety devices on elevators. Elevators, — safety devices.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a dormitory for ex-patient employees at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 71). Westfield State Sanatorium, — new dormitory.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a garage at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 72). Westfield State Sanatorium, — garage.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the purchase of land at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 74). Westfield State Sanatorium, — purchase of land.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a fireproof vault at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 75). Westfield State Sanatorium, — fireproof vault.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1040) of William J. Manning for the fencing of railroad tracks in the city of Boston. Railroad tracks in Boston, — fencing.

By Mr. Ollendorff of Medway, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as relates to railroad corporations. Public Service Commission, — railroad corporations.

By Mr. Mahoney of Boston, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 929) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to a payment in lieu of taxes on certain land owned by the city of Worcester in the town of Shrewsbury. Worcester, — payment on account of land owned in Shrewsbury.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to the powers of certain special police officers (House, No. 121, changed by inserting after the word "governor", in section 1, lines 5 and 19, and in section 2, lines 4 and 9, the words "at the request of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; and by striking out section 3). Special police officers, — powers.

By Mr. Makepeace of Malden, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to conveyances and transfers by a person to himself and others (House, No. 578, changed in section 1 by Conveyances and transfers.

striking out, in lines 1, 2 and 3, the words "chattels, real and personal property, including things in action now by law assignable", and inserting in place thereof the words "any interest therein").

Trial justices,
— jurisdiction.

By Mr. Mahoney of Peabody, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the jurisdiction of certain trial justices (House, No. 702).

Factories and
workshops, —
facilities for
warming food.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, for the committee on Labor, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1188), a Bill to require certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments to provide for their employees facilities for heating or warming food (House, No. 1307).

Explosives and
inflammable
fluids, —
storage licenses.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the renewal of licenses for the keeping and storage of explosives and inflammable fluids (House, No. 732, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 8, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall").

Certain corpo-
rations, —
dissolution.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, for the same committee, on so much of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bill, House, No. 244), a Bill to dissolve certain corporations (House, No. 1308).

Boston build-
ing law, —
asphalt
shingles.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 445, 868 and 1004), a Bill to amend the building law of the city of Boston with respect to the use of asphalt shingles (House, No. 1306).

Reformatory
for Women, —
transfers to the
Industrial
School for
Girls.

By Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Bill providing for the transfer of certain inmates from the Reformatory for Women to the Industrial School for Girls (House, No. 94).

Fore River
Shipbuilding
Corporation, —
sale of private
railroad.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 129).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

County em-
ployees' re-
tirement
system, —
interest
payments.

By Mr. Bellows of Clarksburg, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to interest payments under the retirement system for county employees (printed as Senate, No. 161, changed) ought to pass with amendments in section 1, line 10, and in section 2, line 11, striking out the word "commonwealth", and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "county". Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Seashore, —
protection from
pollution.

By Mr. Cooley of East Longmeadow, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 614) ought to pass with an

amendment in section 1, striking out, in line 4, the word "fish", and inserting in place thereof the word "mammal"; and striking out, in lines 4, 5 and 6, the words "or decaying animal or vegetable matter, or any other substance". Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to dividends paid by insurance stock companies;

Bills enacted.

To establish a minimum wage for laborers employed by the city of Worcester;

To authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers;

To authorize savings banks to issue insurance policies on the lives of persons regularly employed in the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

To authorize the payment of compensation for travel to the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the General Court (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for certain recess expenses of the Constitutional Convention; and

Resolves passed.

Providing for the payment of certain expenses contracted by the Constitutional Convention in excess of the appropriations therefor;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 335) of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association that the issuance of combined fishing and hunting licenses be authorized;

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Insurance, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 539) of James T. Bagshaw relative to an investigation by the Insurance Commissioner of the rates for fire insurance; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1082) of James T. Bagshaw for an investigation by a special commission of the rates charged for fire insurance;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1083) of John L. Donovan relative to the cash surrender value of industrial insurance policies; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1084) of John L. Donovan that the full amount of fire insurance policies be paid in cases of total loss;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 849) of John C. Hammond and another relative to certain methods of procedure in suits in equity;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 726) of William G. Lord that the sale of firewood in bulk be regulated; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1110) of E. H. Gibson that a standard caliper be established for the measurement of timber;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1116) of Philip J. Feinberg and John P. Mahoney relative to the use of basements of buildings in the city of Boston;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the chairman of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, the Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth and the commissioner of public works of the city of Boston relative to the pollution by sewage of Boston harbor and neighboring waters and to the removal from the sewage of merchantable products contained therein (House, No. 1215);

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to an investigation by the Director as to a new site for the State Prison (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 82);

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 632) of Thomas P. Riley relative to the authority of the Public Service Commission in respect to switch connections and interchange tracks of railroad corporations and street railway companies;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the report of the county commissioners of the county of Franklin relative to reconstructing the bridge over the Connecticut river between the towns of Greenfield and Montague (House, No. 545);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of David L. Kelley that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to complete the state highway in the town of Acushnet; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 780) of Frank A. Foster that the speed of motor vehicles be limited;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw (for the reason that the subject-matter has already been acted upon), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1041) of the Highway Safety League that applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles be examined;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 162) of James F. Savage relative to the retirement of disabled county employees;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 912) of George H. Jennings that the employment of women and minors between certain hours by street railway companies be prohibited;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1137) of Mary Hobby and others relative to registration and care of the feeble-minded; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1139) of Charles H. Morrill that the age at which minors may be employed in certain industries be raised from fourteen to sixteen years; and

Of the committee on State House and Libraries, reference to the next General Court, on the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending the completion of the State House grounds and the erection of a reproduction of the John Hancock House (House, No. 1153);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 185) of Katherine A. Felton that legally chartered medical schools be exempt from educational restrictions of the dental law, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the completion of the State House grounds (House, No. 416) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on State House and Libraries.

The Bill to authorize the appointment by the Sergeant-at-Arms of an assistant clerk of the legislative document division (House, No. 768) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in towns of less than three million dollars' valuation (House, No. 371) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Providing that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in normality of business hearings (House, No. 593, changed);

To provide for notice of entry of judgment in police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 697, changed);

To increase the sum that may be expended by the county of Essex for reconstructing the Essex bridge over the Danvers river between the cities of Salem and Beverly (House, No. 828);

Relative to the retirement of George W. Brown of Newburyport under the provisions of the teachers' retirement act (House, No. 1170);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the town of Watertown (House, No. 1251);

To extend the authority of mutual fire insurance companies to transact business (House, No. 1301);

Relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools (Senate, No. 274); and

Relative to the taxation of certain Commonwealth lands in the city of Quincy (printed as House, No. 801); and

Resolves:

Providing for compensating sundry persons for the loss of horses hired by the National Guard prior to the departure of said guard for the Mexican border in June, 1916 (House, No. 741);

In favor of Ellen F. Cody of Salem (House, No. 1118, changed); and

In favor of Thomas O. Long (House, No. 1303);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the taking of land for transmission lines by electric companies (House, No. 851) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1290); and

To provide for the weekly payment of wages to employees of clubs in cities (printed as Senate, No. 175);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 572) of William G. Snell and another relative to the artificial propagation of alewives, was considered.

Mr. Kiernan of Wareham moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to encourage the artificial propagation of alewives (House, No. 572). After debate the amendment was adopted, by a vote of 74 to 56.

The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 966) of William H. Hearn for the appointment of a commission to consider the expediency of the Commonwealth's insuring property against loss by fire, was considered.

Mr. Hearn of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Resolve providing for the appointment of a commission to consider the expediency of the Commonwealth's insuring property against loss by fire (House, No. 966).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 29 to 95; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 581) of Waldron H. Rand, Jr., relative to the use as evidence of copies of records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks, was considered.

Mr. Barry of Lynn moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the use as evidence of copies

from the records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks (House, No. 581); and this amendment was adopted.

The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 710) of Jacob Wasserman that the fraudulent drawing of checks and drafts be prohibited, was considered.

Mr. Wasserman of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the fraudulent drawing of checks and drafts (House, No. 710).

The same member moved that the amendment be amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: "SECTION 3. The intention to defraud shall be presumed if the person making, drawing, uttering or delivering any check, draft or order for the payment of money shall fail to pay such check, draft or order for the payment of money within ten days from notice of dishonor of such check, draft or order for the payment of money."

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, the amendment of the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 36 to 71; the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 712) of Charles L. Underhill for the prevention of interference with the operation of industries connected with the war, was considered.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to encourage the continuous operation of industries connected with the prosecution of war (House, No. 712).

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Conroy of Fall River, the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 981) of Andrew P. Doyle that mechanical devices used for the purpose of ascertaining hours of labor be inspected by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 443) of Oakes A. Bridgham that all fees for sealing weights, measures, scales and balances be abolished, was considered.

Mr. Crowley of Abington moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1114) of William N. Stetson that fees for the sealing of weights and measures be abolished, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Crowley of Abington, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Tuesday next.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Charles A. Winchester that telephone companies be required to equip certain telephones with registers, was considered.

Mr. Winchester of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to require telephone companies to equip certain telephones with a register (House, No. 731).

After debate Mr. Smith of Boston moved the previous question. After further debate, —

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, March 8, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Twenty-seventh annual report of the Dairy Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture (Pub. Doc. No. 60). Dairy Bureau.

Ninth annual report of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States (Pub. Doc. No. 86). Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Whitman of Quincy, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, within the city of Boston, on Tuesday, March 12. Committee on Public Service, — travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Legal Affairs be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Waltham, on or before March 11. Committee on Legal Affairs, — travel.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, reported recommending that the order be adopted. The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Mr. Young of Weston presented a petition of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Concord in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and remonstrating against making the matter a subject of referendum. Intoxicating liquors, — national prohibition.

The same member presented a petition of Charles E. Brown Id. and others in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Harriman of Stow presented a petition of George E. Osgood that the provisions of the civil service laws be extended to the Hudson fire and police chiefs, — civil service.

chief of the fire engineers and the chief of police of the town of Hudson. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Classes of
persons solemn-
izing marriage,
— restriction.

Mr. Moynihan of Boston presented a petition of Lewis R. Sullivan that the classes of persons by whom marriage may be solemnized be restricted. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Boy offenders
in Suffolk
county, —
commitment.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 117) of John I. Fitzgerald that boy offenders in the county of Suffolk be committed to the Suffolk School for Boys;

Boston, —
price and
quality of gas.

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1028) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that the price and quality of gas furnished in the city of Boston be better regulated; and

Civil Service
Commission, —
recommendations.

Of the committee on Public Service, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission (House, No. 95) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 96 to 99, inclusive);

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

North Adams,
— charter.

To amend the charter of the city of North Adams (Senate, No. 3, amended) (reported on a petition); and

Mayor of
Boston, —
term of office.

Relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 73, changed) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 73, and House, No. 733);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Salt water fish
hatchery.

The House report of the committee on Fisheries and Game, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game relative to the advisability of establishing a hatchery especially adapted for the propagation of salt water fish (House, No. 324) came down recommended; and the House refused to concur in the recommittal.

Springfield, —
generating
power from
water system.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Municipal Finance; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents (House, No. 1214), recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment (in section 1, striking out, in line 1, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall").

Firemen and their dependents, — state aid.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 707) of Jacob Wasserman that the present rates of interest on all mortgages shall not be increased during the war.

Mortgages, — interest rates during the war.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 983) of Robert Robinson relative to the taking of bail in criminal cases in the county of Suffolk.

Suffolk county, — bail in criminal cases.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 724) of the Fire Chiefs Club of Massachusetts and others relative to providing for the use of safety matches.

Safety matches.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1160) of John V. Kimball and another for a change in the requirements for membership in church corporations.

Church corporations, — requirements for membership.

By Mr. Mahoney of Boston, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 926) of Robert S. Corrigan that appeals may be made from the refusal of assessors to abate taxes.

Refusal of assessors to abate taxes, — appeals.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to enable St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge to acquire certain church property in the village of South Lee (House, No. 1113, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 3 and 7, the words "or otherwise").

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge, — property in South Lee.

By Mr. Marsh of Springfield, for the committee on Railroads, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 522), a Bill relative to the appointment of trustees of The Boston Terminal Company (House, No. 1309).

The Boston Terminal Company, — trustees.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639), a Bill to prevent the destruction of highways and bridges by heavy vehicles (House, No. 1310).

Highways and bridges, — protection from heavy vehicles.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

*Engrossed Bills.*Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the licensing of insurance agents;

Relative to the appointment of receivers for insurance companies;

To establish the board of health and charities in the city of Woburn;

Relative to the polling hours at primary elections in the city of Lawrence;

Relative to the corporate purpose of The Shirley-Eustis House Association;

To authorize the city of Lowell to pay a sum of money to the widow of George Teel;

Authorizing the city of Boston to reinstate Edward L. Kenney in the penal institutions department;

To authorize savings banks and savings departments of trust companies to invest in farm loan bonds;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to trusts (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of
the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 668) of Frank R. Austin that hog serum and other serums, virus and anti-toxins shall be distributed by the Bureau of Animal Industry;

Of the committee on Counties, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 685) of John J. Coady for the establishment of a law library at the courthouse of the county of Bristol in the city of Attleboro;

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 111) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the establishment of a university owned and directed by the Commonwealth;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 836) of Thomas P. Riley and others relative to the education of certain children over the age of fourteen years;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 143) of George E. Curran that the Governor and Council be authorized to establish maximum prices for the retail sale of food and other necessities in times of emergency;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Clarence F. Eldredge relative to indorsements of processes before the entry thereof;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 700) of James A. Keown and others relative to the establishment of codes of civil and penal procedure;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 701) of James A. Keown and others relative to establishing a motion and calendar day in all the courts of the Commonwealth;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 705) of Maurice F. Cunningham relative to the soliciting of legal business by persons who are not attorneys-at-law;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 979) of Jacob Wasserman relative to mortgages of personal property by merchants and others and requiring notice of such mortgages;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1087) of James A. Keown relative to involuntary trust resulting from negligence;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1088) of William Boyce and another relative to notice and service in the courts of the Commonwealth;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1089) of Arthur Berenson relative to liens for labor and materials on buildings and land;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1090) of Caroline G. Halloran and others relative to admitting attorneys from sister states to practice in Massachusetts; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1094) of James A. Keown and another for an investigation and for the removal by impeachment of the justice and associate justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1172) of Samuel Rushton, mayor, and others that a police court be established in the city of Methuen;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 504) of Charles S. O'Connor that certain corporations elect to membership on boards of directors representatives of organized labor;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 729) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation regulating the sale of tickets of admission to theatres and other places of amusement; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of John J. Kearney relative to safety devices on elevators;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a dormitory for ex-patient employees at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 71);

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a garage at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 72);

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the purchase of land at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 74); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a fireproof vault at the Westfield State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 75);

Of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as relates to railroad corporations;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1040) of William J. Manning for the fencing of railroad tracks in the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 460) of Lawrence F. Quigley that the hours of employment of women engaged in theatrical enterprises be limited; and

Of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 929) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to a payment in lieu of taxes on certain land owned by the city of Worcester in the town of Shrewsbury;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 683) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to granting members of the fire department of the city of Chelsea certain time off duty, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Providing for the transfer of certain inmates from the Reformatory for Women to the Industrial School for Girls (House, No. 94);

Relative to the powers of certain special police officers (House, No. 121, changed);

Relative to conveyances and transfers by a person to himself and others (House, No. 578, changed);

Relative to the use as evidence of copies from the records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks (House, No. 581);

Relative to the jurisdiction of certain trial justices (House, No. 702);

Relative to the renewal of licenses for the keeping and storage of explosives and inflammable fluids (House, No. 732, changed);

Relative to reports and records of venereal diseases (House, No. 1298);

To authorize registered physicians and surgeons to disclose information pertaining to venereal diseases (House, No. 1299);

To amend the building law of the city of Boston with respect to the use of asphalt shingles (House, No. 1306);

To require certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments to provide for their employees facilities for heating or warming food (House, No. 1307);

To dissolve certain corporations (House, No. 1308);

Authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 129); and

To provide for the parole or discharge of certain female prisoners (Senate, No. 283, amended);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to interest payments under the retirement system for county employees (printed as Senate, No. 161) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Providing that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in certain hearings before the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (House, No. 593, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To provide for notice of entry of judgment in police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 697, changed);

To increase the sum that may be expended by the county of Essex for reconstructing the Essex bridge over the Danvers river between the cities of Salem and Beverly (House, No. 828);

Relative to the retirement of George W. Brown of Newburyport under the provisions of the teachers' retirement act (House, No. 1170); and

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the town of Watertown (House, No. 1251); and

Resolves:

Providing for compensating certain persons for the loss of horses hired by the National Guard in June, 1916 (House, No. 741) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

In favor of Thomas O. Long (House, No. 1303);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend the authority of mutual fire insurance companies to transact business (House, No. 1301) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden.

Bills:

Relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools (Senate, No. 274); and

Relative to the taxation of certain lands in the city of Quincy owned by the Commonwealth (printed as House, No. 801) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Charles A. Winchester that telephone companies be required to equip certain telephones with registers, being the unfinished business of the previous session, was considered further.

Mr. Smith of Boston asked unanimous consent to withdraw his pending motion for the previous question. Objection was made by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston. After debate the motion for the previous question was negatived.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Winchester of Boston, that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to require telephone companies to equip certain telephones with a register (House, No. 731), was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to group life insurance (House, No. 1300) was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown the bill was amended by adding at the end of section 1 the words “; or not less than forty per cent if each employee belonging to the insured group has been medically examined and found to be acceptable for ordinary insurance by an individual policy”.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making an appropriation for certain claims against the Commonwealth for land taken to improve the State House grounds (House, No. 1302) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The Bill providing for adjournment to Brockton of criminal sittings of the Superior Court for the county of Plymouth (Senate, No. 271, amended) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that, unless a vote be sooner reached, debate be closed at two o'clock; and this motion prevailed.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Putnam of Lowell, the bill was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 84 to 24.

The Bill to provide for one day off in seven days for employees in hotels and restaurants (printed as Senate, No. 177) was read a second time.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended by adding the following section: “SECTION 2. The day off for all hotel or restaurant employees which do business seven days a week under the provisions of section one of this act shall be the Lord's Day.”

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Conroy of Fall River, the amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 708) of Jacob Wasserman relative to the form and execution of chattel mortgages, was considered.

Mr. Wasserman of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to chattel mortgages (House, No. 708).

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 126) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to transferring the control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries, was considered.

Mr. Young of Weston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to give control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 126).

The same member then moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Resolve in favor of Ellen F. Cody of Salem (House, No. 1118, changed) was read a third time.

Mr. Pepin of Salem moved that the resolve be amended by striking out, in line 3 (as changed), the word "two", and inserting in place thereof the word "three".

After debate the amendment was adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At six minutes past one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cheney of Southbridge, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, March 11, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Veto Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 11, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Veto. — Bill to ascertain the will of the people as to the manner of nominating candidates for certain state offices.

I return herewith without my approval, an engrossed bill entitled "An Act to Ascertain the Will of the People as to the Manner of Nominating Candidates for Certain State Offices" (See House Bill No. 1218).

The purpose of an act is to be ascertained from a study of its provisions rather than of its title, but it is to be observed that the pending bill was much more frankly named in the earlier stages of its legislative history, when it was called "A Bill to Provide for the Nomination by State Conventions of Candidates for the Office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, and Auditor." It is in short an act to repeal the direct primary as to the officers named, and to substitute the old convention system. It has attached to it a referendum, in which in the form of the question as stated on the ballot, no inkling is given to the people of the purpose of the act, but they are permitted to vote upon the question whether their will shall be ascertained as to the manner of nominating candidates for certain offices. It is of much importance that bills pending in the legislature should bear correct titles in order that the members who are not upon the committees which have considered them shall have fair notice of their purposes. But it is of far more importance that an act which is submitted to the people by a referendum, and which very few of them will ever read, should clearly and correctly state what its purposes are. Few of them would ever infer from the form of the question which the bill would permit them to answer that a vote in favor of expressing their will as to the manner of nominations would be a vote to take away their right to vote directly in nominating the candidates in question. But the objections that occur to me are more fundamental, and go to the substance of the bill itself. It provides for a repeal of the direct primary as to the four officers named, and the substitution of the political convention as the method of nomination. It would go to the people with the sanction of the Legislature, for I imagine it would not be contended that the Legislature and the Executive would be justified

in submitting to the people a bill which they believed to be wrong, or indeed any measure which they did not believe to be right.

The method of nominating party candidates for political offices has been more widely discussed perhaps than any other question in our recent political history. One state after another has adopted the primary system until it is now in force in more than three-fourths of the states of the Union. The first laws regulating the conduct of primary elections were enacted in New York and California in 1866, but they were merely a part of the movement for the recognition of party activity as something so intimately associated with public affairs that it ought to be under public control. The first general primary law which substituted primaries for conventions was enacted in Wisconsin in 1903. Since that time the movement for nominations by primaries has swept over the country and has so generally commended itself that as I have said, more than three-fourths of the states have adopted it. Among those that have not accepted it are Delaware, West Virginia, North Carolina, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Utah. With perhaps two or three exceptions all the industrial states of the Union have adopted it.

The reasons for the direct primary have never been stated with greater force than by Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York, in his message to the Legislature January 6, 1909. He called the demand for improved methods of nominating candidates "a late phase of the long struggle against the control of the powers of government by selfish interests." "Methods which make easy this control", he said, "are doomed, for the people will not be content with the mere forms of self government. . . . To the extent that party machinery can be dominated by the few the opportunity for special interests which desire to control the administration of government, to shape the laws, to prevent the passage of laws, or to break the laws with impunity, is increased. These interests are ever at work stealthily and persistently endeavoring to pervert the government to the service of their own ends. All that is worst in our public life finds its readiest means of access to power through the control of the nominating machinery of parties. Party organization needs constantly to defend itself from these encroachments, and the people for their proper security must see that the defenses are built as strongly as possible." He recommended as the improved method for nominating candidates for office that the "nominations by all parties for elective offices should be made directly by the enrolled voters of the parties respectively."

The old fashioned convention system had resulted in some of the states of the Union in enthroning the party machinery, and nominations to office, the passage of laws and their very enforcement came not from the people but from the party boss. I do not believe that all of the evils of that system showed themselves in Massachusetts, or that its worst evils were seen in the degree in which they appeared in other states, but that very real evils existed here cannot be questioned. Today the members of a

party may freely nominate whomever they will; they are not stifled by machinery which will greatly lessen their ability to express themselves with regard to candidates, and the constitutional right of directly voting for their public officers is safeguarded to the people. The men who hold elective office are in the first instance chosen by parties, and if party is without popular government, and is controlled by an autocracy, the final election by the people represents a very limited expression of their will.

There are some objections to the direct primary as I believe there would be to any method of nomination. But in the freedom of election which it secures to the people, in the independence which it gives to the public officer who will make his appeal directly to his constituency and not to a party machine, and in substituting the benefits of open popular government for a system of what has been well-termed "invisible government", the direct primary has undeniable advantages.

The direct primary was established for the state officers in Massachusetts in 1911. The vote in the House of Representatives upon roll-call was two hundred five in favor to fifteen against it. The sweeping character of this vote measured the popular demand which the members of the House believed existed for the reform. What has happened since that time to justify its repeal? It cannot be contended that the offices in question have not, upon the whole, been filled by men as able and as devoted to the public interest as were those who held them when nominations were made under the convention system. Although so many states have adopted the direct primary, no state has repealed it. The Commonwealth did not indeed lead in establishing the reform, but for that very reason we should be the more careful not to give her the doubtful honor of putting her at the head of the procession of reaction.

The pending bill has no bearing upon the issue comprehended under the term of the short ballot. It may be that as a result of the action of the Constitutional Convention an amendment to the Constitution will be adopted by the people providing for the appointment of heads of departments by the Governor, just as is done by the President. Such action would result in what is known as the short ballot. A primary ballot with groups of delegates for rival candidates would be longer than a ballot containing only the names of the candidates.

The popular primary was adopted in Massachusetts as an experiment, with caution and by degrees, but now that it has been fully adopted and the experiment has been tried for years its results are known and it needs no piecemeal repeal. If it has worked badly it should be wholly wiped out. If it has worked well it should be permitted to stand. Certainly no one would contend that it has worked well in the case of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Legislature, county commissioners, and practically all our elective officers, and has worked badly as to the four offices named in the bill. For my part I believe that the system has not worked badly, but has worked well. The time when all the free nations of the world

are standing side by side in a life and death struggle for democracy, and the hearts of men are kindled for popular rights as never before, is surely not the time when the Commonwealth, of all the states in the Union, should start the retreat, and point the way to the country towards the restoration of political privilege and to the re-enthronement of the party boss. I am therefore constrained to return this bill without my approval.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1311) was read; and, pending the question "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?" the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Morse of Danvers, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote: —

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call from the sphere of earthly activities one who formerly presided with firmness, dignity and fairness over the deliberations of this House, and one who has served his Commonwealth and nation with signal ability and devotion as Ambassador to Italy, Ambassador to Russia, Postmaster-General and Secretary of the Navy; be it

Death of
George v. L.
Meyer.

Ordered, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that Massachusetts has sustained a great loss in the untimely passing of one of her most distinguished sons, George v. L. Meyer, and it hereby records its sympathy with the members of his family who generously gave husband and father to the public service; and be it further

Ordered, That the Speaker and six other members of the House, appointed by him, shall be a committee to represent this body at the funeral services, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the family of the deceased.

Subsequently the Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Smith of Boston, Waterman of Williamstown, Morse of Danvers, Young of Weston, Quinn of Sharon and Mahoney of Peabody as members of the committee.

Annual Report.

The twenty-eighth annual report of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (Pub. Doc. No. 44), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Board of Free
Public Library
Commis-
sioners.

Leave of Absence.

Mr. Weston of Newton announced the necessary absence of his colleague, Mr. Powers of Newton, who had been called to a western city to attend the funeral of a relative, and moved that he be granted leave of absence until March 20. The motion prevailed.

Representative
Powers of
Newton, —
leave of
absence.

Document Ordered Reprinted.

Joint special recess committee, — report on financial affairs of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Bitzer of Arlington the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) was ordered reprinted.

Petition.

Watertown and Belmont, — additional metropolitan water supply.

Mr. Monk of Watertown presented a petition of William N. Davenport, secretary, that the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to provide an additional water supply for the towns of Watertown and Belmont. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports:*

Soldiers and sailors, — state insurance.

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 117) of Frank J. Burke for the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of insurance for soldiers and sailors;

Mutual liability insurance companies.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 965) of Edward C. Stone that the powers of mutual liability insurance companies be extended; and

Accident and disease, — insurance.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1046) of George M. Worrall relative to the issuing of policies of insurance against accident or disease;

Savings and insurance banks; General Insurance Guaranty Fund.

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Insurance Commissioner and the Bank Commissioner relative to savings and insurance banks and the General Insurance Guaranty Fund (House, No. 1270);

Facts and allegations, — publication.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to preventing the publication of certain facts or allegations relative to individuals;

Injuries by snow and ice, — notices.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., relative to giving notice to owners of real estate in case of injury by snow and ice;

Injuries on highways, — notices.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 583) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., that the time be extended within which notices of injuries on account of defects in highways shall be given to municipalities;

Suffolk county, — speedier trials.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 584) of Daniel J. Gillen that provision be made for the speedier trial of personal injury cases in the county of Suffolk; and

Contributory negligence, — proof.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to proof of contributory negligence in certain cases;

Apartment houses, — resident caretakers.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 148) of Etta C.

Willard that resident caretakers or janitors shall be maintained in apartment houses in which six or more families are domiciled;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1029) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the standardization of gas and electric meters used in the city of Boston; and

Boston, —
standard gas
and electric
meters.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1030) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for an evaluation of the properties of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company;

Edison Electric
Illuminating
and Boston
Consolidated
Gas com-
panies.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A special report of the Commission on Probation, under chapter 77 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the methods of release and parole from county jails and houses of correction (Senate, No. 284), was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

County jails
and houses of
correction, —
methods of
release and
parole.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Committee on
Public Service,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, within the city of Boston, on Tuesday, March 12.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, for the committee on State House and Libraries, on a special report of the Sergeant-at-Arms (House, No. 664), a Bill authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to improve the ventilation of the Senate Chamber, the Chamber of the House of Representatives and the various committee rooms in the State House (House, No. 1312).

Senate and
House cham-
bers and com-
mittee rooms,
— ventilation.

Read; and considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Morrill; and referred to the next General Court, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton (House, No. 129, changed), that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment striking out the words "Said corporation shall be exempt from the state income tax levied during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen based on the income of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen on funds held by the executors of said Howard for the benefit of said trust." (added by the committee on Mercantile Affairs at the end of section 1), and concur therein; and that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment striking out section 2, and concur therein with a further amendment inserting the following new section: "SECTION 2. The interest of said trustees in the estate of Horace W. Howard shall be exempt from the state

Brockton, —
Home for
Aged Men.

income tax levied during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen under the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen."

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Maloney, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Co-operative
and savings
banks, —
loans on
homesteads.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, for the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of Joseph McGrath that co-operative and savings banks shall call in other loans before those secured by homesteads.

Cities, —
schools of
agriculture and
horticulture.

By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, for the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Denis J. Mahoney relative to authorizing cities to maintain schools of agriculture and horticulture [Messrs. Bartlett of North Attleborough, Dow of Beverly, Conroy of Fall River and Moynihan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Boston, —
uniform public
service.

By Mr. Barry of Lynn, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 317) of Robert B. Martin that the price paid for any public service commodities or service be equal for all parts of the city of Boston [Messrs. Wasserman of Boston and Moran of Mansfield, of the House, dissenting].

Ice companies,
— coupons.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 730) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation to provide for the issuing of coupons by ice companies and others [Mr. Odlin of Lynn, of the House, dissenting].

Factory
windows, —
opaque glass.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 861) of Frederick Butler that the use of opaque glass in the exterior windows of factories and workshops be authorized.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of M. H. Jordan relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories [Mr. Buckley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Odlin of Lynn, Harrington of Fall River and Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Neponset
river, — im-
provement of
navigable
facilities.

By Mr. Benton of Belmont, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 962) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the improvement of the navigable facilities of the Neponset river.

State veteran
employees, —
retirement.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 901) of Philip A. Nordell for the retirement of veterans of the civil war from the service of the Commonwealth in certain cases.

Board of
Registration
of Nurses, —
membership
and com-
pensation.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 909) of George S. Carr relative to the membership and compensation of the Board of Registration of Nurses.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 899) of George R. Burnes and others that superintendents of streets and street commissioners of cities and towns be placed under the civil service laws.

Superintendents of streets and street commissioners, — civil service.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the same committee, leave to withdraw (for the reason that the subject-matter has already been acted on), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1037) of James C. Buckley and another that the city of Chicopee be authorized to place its superintendent of streets under the civil service law.

Chicopee superintendent of streets, — civil service.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 191) of Frank A. Milliken and others that provision be made for the retirement of justices of district, police and municipal courts.

Justices of police, district and municipal courts, — retirement.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of David J. O'Connell relative to enabling fire, water, improvement, light and watch districts having the power of taxation to participate in the distribution of the tax on incomes [Messrs. Spinney of Weymouth and Sawyer of Ware, of the House, dissenting].

Fire, water and other districts, — distribution of the income tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to exempting the funds of labor organizations from the provisions of the income tax law.

Labor organizations, — taxation of funds.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to regulate the sale of loaded shells and ammunition used in shot guns (House, No. 725) [Messrs. Monk of Watertown, Burrell of Medford and Mellen of Worcester, of the House, dissenting].

Loaded shells and ammunition, — sale.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to place the chief of police of the town of Wareham under the regulations of the civil service (House, No. 773).

Wareham chief of police, — civil service.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the distribution of the income tax among departments in certain cities (House, No. 925).

Departments in cities, — distribution of the income tax.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients (Senate, No. 287) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Counties, — issuance of notes for hospitals for tuberculous patients.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, for the committee on Agriculture, on a part of the recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151), a Bill to provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits (House, No. 157).

Agricultural exhibits, — state prizes.

Wachusett
Mountain State
Reservation
— additional
land.

By Mr. Perham of Chelmsford, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on a petition, a Bill providing for the purchase of certain land adjoining the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 691) [Mr. Reed, of the Senate, dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed Bills:

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the financial management of municipal lighting plants;

To validate the current annual town meeting of the town of Sturbridge; and

Relative to the returns of municipal lighting plants and the annual report of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 707) of Jacob Wasserman that the present rates of interest on all mortgages shall not be increased during the war;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 983) of Robert Robinson relative to the taking of bail in criminal cases in the county of Suffolk; and

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 724) of the Fire Chiefs Club of Massachusetts and others relative to providing for the use of safety matches; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1160) of John V. Kimball and another for a change in the requirements for membership in church corporations;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 117) of John I. Fitzgerald that boy offenders in the county of Suffolk be committed to the Suffolk School for Boys;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1028) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that the price and quality of gas furnished in the city of Boston be better regulated; and

Of the committee on Public Service, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission (House, No. 95) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 96 to 99, inclusive);

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To enable St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge to acquire certain church property in the village of South Lee (House, No. 1113, changed);

Relative to the appointment of trustees of The Boston Terminal Company (House, No. 1309); and

To prevent the destruction of highways and bridges by heavy vehicles (House, No. 1310);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Providing for the transfer of certain inmates from the Reformatory for Women to the Industrial School for Girls (House, No. 94);

Relative to the powers of certain special police officers (House, No. 121, changed);

Relative to conveyances and transfers by a person to himself and others (House, No. 578, changed);

Relative to the use as evidence of copies from the records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks (House, No. 581);

Relative to the jurisdiction of certain trial justices (House, No. 702);

To authorize registered physicians and surgeons to disclose information pertaining to venereal diseases (House, No. 1299);

Relative to group life insurance (House, No. 1300, amended);

Relative to the use of asphalt shingles in the city of Boston (House, No. 1306) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To require certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments to provide for their employees facilities for heating or warming food (House, No. 1307);

To dissolve certain corporations (House, No. 1308);

Authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 129);

Relative to interest payments under the retirement system for county employees (printed as Senate, No. 161, amended);

Relative to employees of temporary and summer hotels and restaurants (printed as Senate, No. 177) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the parole or discharge of certain female prisoners (Senate, No. 283, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 926) of Robert S. Corrigan that appeals may be made from the refusal of assessors to abate taxes, was considered.

Mr. Mahoney of Boston moved that the report and petition be recommitted; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to amend the charter of the city of North Adams (Senate, No. 3, amended) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 73, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Boston at the next state election, and shall take effect on the date of the municipal election next following, if the act is accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be submitted in the form of the following question to be placed upon the official ballot: 'Shall the mayor of the city of Boston hereafter be elected for the term of four years and be ineligible for re-election as provided in the act relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston, being chapter of the special acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen?'"

YES.	
NO.	

Mr. Hays then moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After debate the same member moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, as printed.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Weston of Newton, the amendments were severally rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to reports and records of venereal diseases (House, No. 1298) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 42 to 18. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Arnold of Boston raised the point of order that a quorum was not present. A count of the House showed that 141 members were present.

At twenty-one minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. O'Connor of Chicopee, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, March 12, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Bliss of Malden had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Bliss took the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special Communication.

A communication from Representative Arthur E. Burr of Boston, addressed to the Speaker under date of March 8, stating that he had been appointed to the office of judge of probate and insolvency within and for the county of Suffolk, that he had that day accepted said office, and that the acceptance operated as vacating his seat in the House of Representatives, — was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Representative
Arthur E. Burr.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate and determine whether it is expedient that the Commonwealth should take over and operate the Bay State Street Railway. Said committee shall have authority to employ a stenographer and counsel, and may administer oaths and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents. The committee shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary, and shall report its conclusions to the General Court not later than the first day of May in the current year.

Joint special
committee, —
state control of
the Bay State
Street Railway.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea introduced (on leave) a Resolve relative to rates of fare charged by the Bay State Street Railway Company. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company, —
rates of fare.

Petitions.

Mr. Adams of Stockbridge presented a petition of Wilfrid Wheeler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, that the bringing of nursery stock into this Commonwealth be regulated further. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Nursery stock,
— inspection.

Walpole, —
indebtedness
for water
purposes.

Mr. Allen of Norwood presented a petition of the selectmen and water commissioner of the town of Walpole that said town be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of increasing its water supply. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Brockton, —
use of funds
for hospital
construction.

Mr. Bartlett of Brockton presented a petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to use for hospital construction the unexpended balances of certain loans. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Foreign
corporations,
— taxation.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of John W. Locke and another for the repeal of a certain statute relative to the taxation of foreign corporations. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following orders, approved by the joint committee on Rules, were severally adopted, in concurrence:—

Committee on
Counties, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Counties be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the towns of Bourne and Dighton, on or before March 16.

Committee on
Education, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Fitchburg and the town of Framingham, on or before March 16.

Reports:

Street railway
companies, —
taxation.

Of the committee on Taxation, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 654) of Robert S. Goff relative to the corporate franchise tax of street railway companies, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Street Railways; and

Id.

Of the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 793) of Fred H. Smith that street railway companies be relieved from taxation and similar obligations, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Street Railways;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read; and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports:

Voluntary
associations
and joint stock
companies, —
holdings.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw: On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 142) of C. F. Ames that voluntary associations and joint stock companies be prohibited from owning or controlling public service corporations;

Co-operative
associations, —
— reorgani-
sation.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 228) of Edward N. Dahlborg relative to the disposition of the earnings of co-operative associations and that such associations may reorganize as business corporations, with the right to retain their former names;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Roland D. Sawyer that compensation to injured employees shall begin from the date of injury in certain cases; Injured employees, — compensation.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 496) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for full compensation to employees injured in the course of their employment when disability continues twenty-one days [Messrs. Moran of Mansfield, Mahoney of Peabody and Granfield of Springfield, of the House, dissenting]; Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 588) of Lawrence F. Quigley that workmen's compensation begin with the first day after an accident in case incapacity extends more than one week; Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 711) of Jacob Wasserman that the making or publishing of false or exaggerated statements concerning the affairs of corporations and other associations or individuals be further prohibited; Business affairs, — false statements.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 848) of Frank M. Forbush and another that a statement of the source of title in deeds be required; Deeds, — source of title.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 850) of John J. Scott that appeals to the Superior Court may be made from the decision of any member of the Industrial Accident Board; Industrial Accident Board, — appeals.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 968) of E. J. Cox that injured employees be compensated from the date of their injuries or from an earlier date than at present; Injured employees, — compensation.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 974) of Andrew P. Doyle for changes in the requirements for compensation under the workmen's compensation act; Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1093) of James J. McCarthy for an amendment of the law relative to payments to employees for personal injuries received in the course of employment and to the prevention of such injuries; and Id.

On the petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1095) of James A. Keown and others for an investigation of the judicial branch of the government of the Commonwealth; and Judiciary of the Commonwealth, — investigation.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 179) of David T. Montague relative to the change of name of corporations; Corporations, — change of name.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to reorganize the assessing department of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 288, amended) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 180) [Messrs. Ammidon of Cambridge and Butterworth of Revere, of the House, dissenting], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading. Boston, — assessing department.

The House Bill to provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville Alewife brook, — sanitary improvement.

(House, No. 750) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments:—

In section 4, inserting after the word "nuisance", in line 4, the words "after the same has been prohibited by the state department of health as provided in section one"; and

Adding the following new section: "SECTION 5. This act shall not affect the rights of the cities of Cambridge and Somerville under chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six or any other rights of any city or town in regard to drainage into Alewife brook."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Commission on
Social In-
surance,—
report.

The report of the special Commission on Social Insurance (including a joint special recess committee of the General Court), under chapter 130 of the resolves of 1917, relative to the extent to which poverty occasioned by sickness may be alleviated, medical care for wage-earners and others of limited means may be provided and measures to prevent diseases may be promoted by insurance (Senate, No. 244), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Social Welfare.

Reports of Committees.

Metropolitan
district,—
transportation
problems.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 181) of Charles S. Lawler for the improvement of the transportation system of the metropolitan district and that provision be made for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the Cambridge subway; of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1204) of William J. McDonald that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be authorized to collect six-cent fares and that one-sixth of said revenue be paid to the city of Boston; and of the special report of the Public Service Commission relative to the finances and operating methods of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and to the advisability of repealing section 10 of chapter 500 of the acts of 1897 which established a five-cent fare for twenty-five years on the lines operated by said company (House, No. 1240),—and recommending that the same be referred to the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly.

Boston
Elevated
Railway Com-
pany,—fares
and finances.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending that, during the period of war and for one year thereafter, or until other provision is made, the Public Service Commission be given authority to establish rates of fare on the lines of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1283); and of so much of the report of the Street Railway Investigation Commission (including a joint special recess committee of the General Court) (Senate, No. 265) as relates to the Boston Elevated Railway Company,—and recommending that the same be referred

to the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly.

Severally read and accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Dow of Beverly, for the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Thomas F. Donovan that all teachers in public or private schools and institutions be required to take an oath of allegiance to the United States.

Teachers,
— oath of
allegiance.

By Mr. Collins of Edgartown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1081) of William N. Stetson that the number of bushels of scallops that may be taken in one day be increased.

Taking of
scallops.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to policies in industrial insurance companies [Mr. O'Connor of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Industrial
insurance
policies.

By Mr. Bates of Quincy, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 436) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the establishment and regulation of hackney stands in the city of Boston.

Boston, —
hackney
stands.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no legislation necessary, on so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as relates to the supervision of telephone and telegraph companies.

Telephone and
telegraph
companies, —
supervision.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 869) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the use of wooden shingles on certain buildings in the city of Boston be authorized.

Boston, —
wooden
shingles on
certain
buildings.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, for the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 747) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money in the construction of a municipal hospital [Mr. Halliwell, of the Senate, and Mr. Walker of New Bedford, of the House, dissenting].

New Bedford,
— indebtedness
for a hospital.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 748) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money for the construction of schoolhouses [Mr. Halliwell, of the Senate, and Mr. Walker of New Bedford, of the House, dissenting].

New Bedford,
— indebtedness
for school-
houses.

By Mr. Nason of Haverhill, for the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1027) of Frederic F. Clauss and another relative to the cost and quality of gas in the city of Cambridge.

Cambridge, —
cost and
quality of gas.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1253) of George P. Bingham and others for the incorporation

East Boston,
— marginal
freight
railroad.

of a marginal freight railroad company to operate in the East Boston district of the city of Boston.

Collectors of
taxes, —
certain fees.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Charles A. Turner and others relative to fees that may be charged by tax collectors for making written demands and for other services.

Collectors of
taxes, —
duties.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 927) of Charles S. Ellis relative to the duties of collectors of taxes.

Sale of
unimproved
land for taxes,
— advertising.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to advertising the sale for taxes of unimproved land.

Taxable
incomes, —
deductions.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1052) of Fred A. Fernald relative to deductions from taxable incomes.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Foreign
fraternal
benefit
societies, —
licensing.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 692), a Bill relative to the licensing of foreign fraternal benefit societies (House, No. 1313).

Employees, —
deductions for
tardiness.

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, for the committee on Labor, on a petition, a Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099) [Messrs. Collins of Edgartown and Cowdrey of Fitchburg, of the House, dissenting].

Checking of
clothing, —
gratuities.

By Mr. McKeon of Worcester, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to prevent the acceptance or receiving of gratuities for the checking of clothing by hotels and restaurants or employees thereof (House, No. 989, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 2, the words “, or any person employed by such,”; and by inserting after the word “gratuity”, in line 3, the words “given to any of his, their or its employees”) [Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, of the House, dissenting].

Lord's Day,
— baseball and
football by
soldiers and
sailors.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1202), a Bill to authorize the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by persons in the military and naval service of the United States (House, No. 1316) [Messrs. Perley and Perrin, of the Senate, and Messrs. Gibbs of Waltham, Gould of Milford and Browne of Cambridge, of the House, dissenting].

Boston, —
metal garages
of limited
size.

By Mr. Arnold of Boston, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1003), a Bill to allow metal garages of limited size in the city of Boston (House, No. 1314).

Carmine
Violante.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante in the employment of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 1038, changed in section 1 by

striking out, in line 2, the words "and directed", and by striking out all after the word "fourteen", in line 5).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

- By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics, ought to pass (House, No. 1315) [Mr. Atwood of Boston dissenting].
State registrar of vital statistics.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the expenses of the State Library (printed in House, No. 235) ought to pass.
State Library, — expenses.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Resolve to provide that Warren F. Spalding, a veteran of the civil war, shall be entitled to the benefits of the law in relation to the retirement of veterans from the service of the Commonwealth (House, No. 902) ought to pass [Mr. Atwood of Boston dissenting].
Warren F. Spalding, — veterans' retirement benefits.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a petition, a Bill to reimburse the town of Clarksburg for certain money spent in the care of a tubercular patient (House, No. 1190).
Clarksburg, — care of a patient.

By the same member, for the same committee, severally on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, No. 217), —

A Resolve providing for certain buildings and improvements at the Boston State Hospital;
Boston State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Danvers State Hospital;
Danvers State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for an additional ward and for the purchase of land at the Foxborough State Hospital;
Foxborough State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Gardner State Colony;
Gardner State Colony.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Grafton State Hospital;
Grafton State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Medfield State Hospital;
Medfield State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for nurses' homes and for the purchase of land and buildings at the Northampton State Hospital;
Northampton State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Taunton State Hospital;
Taunton State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Westborough State Hospital;
Westborough State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements at the Worcester State Hospital; and
Worcester State Hospital.

A Resolve providing for the purchase of land and for certain improvements at the Wrentham State School.
Wrentham State School.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the report of the joint special recess committee on
Trust companies, — taxation.

taxation matters (Senate, No. 28), a Bill to amend the law relative to the taxation of trust companies.

Legacies and
successions, —
additional tax.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill to provide for an additional legacy and succession tax (House, No. 241, changed in section 2 by striking out, in line 3, the words "or accruing"; by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "or in contemplation of"; and by striking out, in line 5, the words "five years", and inserting in place thereof the words "one year").

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Fore River
Shipbuilding
Corporation, —
sale of its
private rail-
road.

Mr. Bates of Quincy moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the previous session, passed to be engrossed the Bill authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 129); and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

Pending the recurring question Mr. Bates moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 2 the following new section: "SECTION 3. If it shall become expedient and necessary to abolish the crossings at grade of said railroad the full expense of the same shall be paid by the company owning said railroad."

The same member then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion prevailed.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted..

To authorize the sale by the Chief of the District Police of the steamer "Lexington"; and

To authorize the cities of Salem and Beverly to borrow money in connection with the reconstruction of Essex bridge over the Danvers river;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Peter P. Monahan of Westfield (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. G. Frederick Pearson of Halifax.

At ten minutes past three o'clock (the Speaker having taken the Chair), on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Mr. G.
Frederick
Pearson of
Halifax.

The Speaker then introduced Mr. G. Frederick Pearson of Halifax, in charge of the Massachusetts Halifax Relief Fund, who addressed the House briefly.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

At ten minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

The Speaker then introduced Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, senior Senator from Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States, who spoke briefly.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of Joseph McGrath that co-operative and savings banks shall call in other loans before those secured by homesteads; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 730) of Frank W. Thayer for legislation to provide for the issuing of coupons by ice companies and others;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 899) of George R. Burnes and others that superintendents of streets and street commissioners of cities and towns be placed under the civil service laws;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 901) of Philip A. Nordell for the retirement of veterans of the civil war from the service of the Commonwealth in certain cases; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 909) of George S. Carr relative to the membership and compensation of the Board of Registration of Nurses;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw (for the reason that the subject-matter has already been acted on) on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1037) of James C. Buckley and another that the city of Chicopee be authorized to place its superintendent of streets under the civil service law;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 191) of Frank A. Milliken and others that provision be made for the retirement of justices of district, police and municipal courts; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to exempting the funds of labor organizations from the provisions of the income tax law;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 965) of Edward C. Stone that the powers of mutual liability insurance companies be extended; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1046) of George M. Worrall relative to the issuing of policies of insurance against accident or disease;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Insurance Commissioner and the Bank Commissioner relative to savings and insurance banks and the General Insurance Guaranty Fund (House, No. 1270);

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., relative to giving notice to owners of real estate in case of injury by snow and ice;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 583) of Christopher J. Muldoon, Jr., that the time be extended within which notices of injuries on account of defects in highways shall be given to municipalities; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 695) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to proof of contributory negligence in certain cases;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 148) of Etta C. Willard that resident caretakers or janitors shall be maintained in apartment houses in which six or more families are domiciled; and

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1029) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the standardization of gas and electric meters used in the city of Boston;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To place the chief of police of the town of Wareham under the regulations of the civil service (House, No. 773); and

Relative to the distribution of the income tax among departments in certain cities (House, No. 925);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients (Senate, No. 287) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in towns of less than three million dollars' valuation (House, No. 371, amended) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the renewal of licenses for the keeping, manufacture and sale of explosives and inflammable fluids in the city of Boston (House, No. 732, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof

the following: "*Section 2.* Section three of chapter three hundred and seventy of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and five, by chapter five hundred and two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, by section one of chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, by chapter four hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and by chapter one hundred and sixty-two of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, and so much of any other act as is inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1319), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 399) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that unwarranted increases in the price of gas be prohibited, was considered.

After debate the question came on the adoption of the amendment previously moved by Mr. McKeon of Worcester, that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide that increases in the price of gas shall be approved by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 1304); and 63 members voted in the affirmative and 69 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. McKeon; and on the roll call 120 members voted in the affirmative and 97 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Frank G.
Arnold, Seth F.
Babb, George W. P.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Burke, Frank J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Claus, Frederic F.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Conroy, William S.
Cooke, Harry A.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Cronin, John

Messrs. Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Dow, James B.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Fleming, William
Foley, William J.
French, William P.
Furness, Howard F.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Gould, Charles W.
Green, Thomas H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Hirsch, John A.
Holland, William J.
Hull, John C.
Johnson, John G.
Jordan, Michael H.

Messrs. Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.

Messrs. Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Whitney, George A.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitser, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.

Messrs. Dennis, George F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Merriam, Bernard F.

Messrs. Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Perham, Walter
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Jerome S.

Messrs. Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tolman, James E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

120 yeas; 97 nays.

Therefore the amendment previously moved by Mr. McKeon was adopted.

The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 981) of Andrew P. Doyle that mechanical devices used for the purpose of ascertaining hours of labor be inspected by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford the report was amended by striking out the words "petitioner have leave to withdraw", and inserting in place thereof the words "same be referred to the next General Court".

The report, as amended, was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 443) of Oakes A. Bridgham that all fees for sealing weights, measures, scales and balances be abolished, was considered.

Mr. Spinney of Weymouth moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1114) of William N. Stetson that fees for the sealing of weights and measures be abolished, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Thursday next.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 126) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to transferring the control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries, was considered.

After debate the question was put on the adoption of the amendment previously moved by Mr. Young of Weston, that

the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to give control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 126); and 62 members voted in the affirmative and 51 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Gibbs of Waltham; and on the roll call 125 members voted in the affirmative and 78 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bower, Arthur
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dennis, George F.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Green, Thomas H.

Messrs. Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hull, John C.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter

Messrs. Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.

* Messrs. Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Walker, George
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitney, George A.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Ballantyne, John
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Blague, Giles
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 French, William P.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter

Messrs. Hays, Martin
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Myron A.

125 yeas; 78 nays.

Therefore the amendment previously moved by Mr. Young was adopted.

The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

At ten minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Cashman of Boston, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare an adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor, which had been filed in the office of the Clerk, was read: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 13, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— treatment
and suppres-
sion of venereal
diseases.

I am transmitting herewith, with the request that you give it your careful consideration, a communication which I have received from the State Department of Health relative to venereal diseases.

In addition to the plans for medical work outlined in the enclosed letter, I suggest that you give consideration to the program upon this subject recommended by the Federal Government which has the endorsement of the Massachusetts Committee of Public Safety and our State Department of Health. This recommendation appears to be based on an urgent appeal from the War and Navy Departments, whose representatives have investigated conditions in certain cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

The subject certainly demands a painstaking investigation and proper action, to the end that the spread of loathsome diseases and open commercialized prostitution may be stopped. In this connection I call your attention to the report of the "Commission for the Investigation of the White Slave Traffic, so-called," filed with the General Court of 1914, (House document No. 2281 of the year 1914), — a report which for some reason was not acted upon by the Legislature at that time. I would suggest that it be taken from the files and again considered by you in the light of existing war conditions. I believe it will be well to secure the co-operation of all boards of trustees and superintendents of state institutions in the study of the problem, with a view to its solution in a way that will promote the welfare of their inmates.

The old time attitude which forbade reference to venereal diseases outside of medical circles and technical literature seems to be no longer tenable. These diseases increasingly sap the very sources of national life and efficiency. They should be fought openly, courageously and sanely. In times like these it surely is incumbent upon the nation to take all possible measures to achieve maximum physical, mental and moral efficiency. The objection on account of the inadvisability of expending additional

public money for any purpose not bearing upon the efficient conduct of the war is inapplicable. The expenditure of money can be justified strictly on the war efficiency aspects of the subject.

In connection with this suggestion I would call your attention to the following conclusion of the British Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, arrived at following an exhaustive study of the problem of Great Britain after two years of war:—

“The conditions now existing and those which must follow on the conclusion of the war imperatively demand that action be taken without delay. We realize the claims of economy at the present moment, but we believe that all necessary expenditure will be recouped by the results which can be obtained. . . . No shortsighted parsimony should be permitted to stand in the way of all the means that science can suggest and organizations can supply for guarding present and future generations upon whom the restoration of national prosperity must depend.”

I recommend that you appropriate not less than thirty thousand dollars to be expended by the State Department of Health, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1320) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, it was referred, with the accompanying communication, to the committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence.

Special Report.

A communication from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, transmitting, in compliance with an order of the General Court, a statement of the sums paid for the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and for the compensation of the members thereof (House, No. 1321), was sent to the Senate.

Constitutional Convention, — expenses.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Harrington of Fall River, —

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll make up the pay-roll for additional travelling expenses of the members of the House (see chapter 62 of the General Laws of 1918), the travel to be computed according to the table of distances established by an order of the House of Representatives adopted June 1, 1892.

Pay-roll, — additional mileage.

Petitions.

Mr. Wall of Worcester presented petitions of Arvid J. Feldt and others in aid of the petitions for a ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and remonstrating against making the matter a subject of referendum; and the same were referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Intoxicating liquors, — national prohibition.

Mr. Haynes of Scituate presented a petition of Walton Hall and others that the town of Marshfield be authorized to invest

Marshfield, — Liberty Loan bonds.

certain money in Liberty Loan bonds. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Women and
minors, —
operation of
elevators.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of Sarah Killion Troy and others that the employment of women and of minors under eighteen years of age as elevator operatives be prohibited in certain instances. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Hudson chief
of police, —
civil service.

Mr. Harriman of Stow presented a petition of Fred E. Morris that the office of chief of police of the town of Hudson be placed under the civil service laws. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Hudson chief
of fire de-
partment, —
civil service.

Mr. Harriman also presented a petition of Fred E. Morris that the town of Hudson be authorized to establish the office of chief of the fire department and that said office be placed under the civil service laws. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Joint com-
mittees, —
reports.

Ordered, That the time within which joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be extended to Wednesday, March 20, except with reference to the committees on Constitutional Amendments, Fisheries and Game, Harbors and Public Lands, Insurance, Labor, Railroads and State House and Libraries.

Co-operative
banks, —
loans.

A Bill regulating co-operative bank loans and authorizing loans on matured shares (Senate, No. 97, changed) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Lynnfield, —
water supply.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 1276) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 3, inserting after the word "for", in line 9, the words " , but no registered land, or interest therein, shall be deemed to have been taken until the provisions of section eighty-nine of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the Revised Laws have been complied with".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Appropriations, —
general budget.

The House Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and

serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments:—

Striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. To provide for the maintenance of the several departments, boards, commissions and institutions, and of sundry other services, and to meet certain requirements imposed by law, the sums set forth in section two, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions therein specified, are hereby appropriated from the general fund or ordinary revenue of the commonwealth unless some other source of revenue is expressed, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof, for the fiscal year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, or for such other period as may be specified.";

In Item No. 107, striking out the word "ten", before the word "thousand", and inserting in place thereof the word "eight";

In Item No. 114, striking out the words "sixty-nine thousand five hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "seventy-one thousand";

In Item No. 188, striking out the words "three hundred and eighty-seven", and inserting in place thereof the words "nine hundred and seventy-nine";

In Item No. 190, striking out the words "twenty-one thousand five hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-three thousand";

In Item No. 193, striking out the word "five", and inserting in place thereof the word "seven";

In Item No. 195, striking out the word "sixty-seven", and inserting in place thereof the word "sixty-two";

In Item No. 205, striking out the word "twenty-six", and inserting in place thereof the word "thirty-one";

In Item No. 264, striking out the word "seventy-eight", and inserting in place thereof the word "eight-two";

Striking out Item No. 265;

Inserting after Item No. 270 the following: (271) "For maintenance and operation of the police steamer 'Lotis,' a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars" (stricken out by amendment by the House);

In Item No. 332, striking out the word "seventeen", and inserting in place thereof the word "twelve";

In Item No. 338, striking out the words "ninety-eight hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "nine thousand";

In Item No. 351, striking out the word "two", and inserting in place thereof the word "one";

In Item No. 359, striking out the words "twelve thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "ten thousand five hundred";

In Item No. 366, striking out the word "fifty-nine", and inserting in place thereof the word "eighty-nine";

In Item No. 373, striking out the word "nineteen", and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-eight";

In Item No. 375, striking out the words "three hundred four", and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred and ninety-four";

In Item No. 433, inserting after the word "thousand", the words "five hundred and fifty";

In Item No. 444, striking out the words "fifteen hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "two thousand"; and

Adding at the end of items 451 and 452 the words " , for the year ending on the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen".

The amendments were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Cambridge, —
pension for
James W.
Barry.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Edward W. Quinn, mayor, that the city of Cambridge be authorized to retire and pension James W. Barry. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1322) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Classes of
persons solemn-
izing marriage,
— restriction.

By the same member, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Lewis R. Sullivan that the classes of persons by whom marriage may be solemnized be restricted. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1323) was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Watertown
and Belmont,
— additional
metropolitan
water supply.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William N. Davenport, secretary, that the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to provide an additional water supply for the towns of Watertown and Belmont. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1324) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Foreign
corporations,
— taxation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John W. Locke and another for the repeal of a certain statute relative to the taxation of foreign corporations. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1325) was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Somerville, —
tenure of city
clerk.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 285) of Joseph O. Knox that the tenure of the city clerk of the

city of Somerville be established. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 280) of Henry F. Long that provision be made for the publication of state papers of Governors. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Governors, —
publication of
state papers.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, to the committee on Public Lighting. Sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Springfield, —
generating
power from
water system.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of George E. Osgood that the provisions of the civil service laws be extended to the chief of the fire engineers and the chief of police of the town of Hudson. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Hudson fire
and police
chiefs, — civil
service.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the Resolutions in favor of the passage by Congress of the bill increasing the pensions of certain veterans. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the resolutions were referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Veterans of
Mexican and
civil wars, —
increased
pensions.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, for the committee on Pay-Roll, on an order instructing said committee to make up the pay-roll for the additional compensation for travelling expenses authorized by chapter 62 of the General Laws of 1918, that the following order, with the accompanying schedule, ought to be adopted: —

Pay-roll, —
additional
mileage.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$4,385 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for additional compensation for travelling expenses, is approved, and that the same be sent to the Governor and Council.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Harrington, and was adopted; and the schedule was signed by the Speaker.

Scituate, —
breakwater.

By Mr. Haynes of Scituate, for the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 844) of William C. Reynolds and others for the construction of a breakwater in the town of Scituate by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands.

Attorney-
General, —
annual report.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as was referred to said committee.

Accidents
caused by
motor vehicles,
— damages.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the subject of damages to persons and property by accidents caused by owners and operators of motor vehicles (House, No. 9).

Juvenile
offenders;
industrial
schools; Suf-
folk School
for Boys.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the State Board of Charity relative to the care and treatment of juvenile offenders, to unifying under one central authority the training and instruction of boys in industrial schools, and to the acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of the Suffolk School for Boys in the city of Boston (House, No. 1181).

Injuries from
motor vehicles,
— damages.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Leland Powers for security to the public for personal and property injuries caused by motor vehicles.

Boston, —
disposal of
Rainsford
island and the
Suffolk School
for Boys.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1091) of James M. Curley that the city of Boston be authorized to dispose of Rainsford island in Boston harbor and the Suffolk School for Boys.

Commitment of
feeble-minded
persons, —
jurisdiction
of courts.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, for the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 388) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the jurisdiction of certain courts in the commitment of feeble-minded persons [Messrs. Reed and Morris, of the Senate, and Messrs. McDonnell of Boston and McKeon of Worcester, of the House, dissenting].

Aliens, —
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 435) of J. T. Crowley that the granting of licenses to aliens be prohibited.

Victuallers'
licenses, —
citizens only.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 596) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that only persons who are citizens be granted victuallers' licenses.

State veteran
employees, —
retirement.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the retirement of veterans of the civil war who have been in the service of the Commonwealth.

Deputy Fire
Prevention
Commissioner,
— salary.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accom-

panied by bill, House, No. 1135) of Edward F. McGrady for an increase in the salary of the Deputy Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District.

By Mr. Englert of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 86) of Edwin T. McKnight that the salary of the Tax Commissioner and Commissioner of Corporations be established.

Tax Commissioner, — salary.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 1146, 1147 and 1148) of Frank F. Baldwin that sheep and property used in the raising of sheep be exempted from taxation.

Sheep and certain property, — taxation.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Burrell of Medford, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers (House, No. 182) ought not to pass [Messrs. Odlin of Lynn, Maloney of Chelsea and Blague of Springfield, of the House, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Steam boilers, — operation and inspection.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, for the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolutions relative to the independence of Ireland (House, No. 937) ought to be adopted. Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolutions.

Independence of Ireland.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve directing the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to investigate and report as to the cost of a sewer adequate to prevent the polluting of the Mystic lakes (Senate, No. 259) ought to pass in a new draft entitled "Resolve directing the State Department of Health to investigate and report as to the cost of a sewer adequate to prevent the polluting of the Mystic lakes" (House, No. 1330).

State Department of Health, — sewer for protecting the Mystic lakes.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the expenses of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 105) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1327).

Board of Free Public Library Commissioners, — expenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide further for the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1328).

Neponset river, — further improvement.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of The Norwood Morris Plan Company (printed as House, No. 594) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1329).

The Norwood Morris Plan Company.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the sale of certain land of the Mount Tom State Reservation (House, No. 574) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: Bill to authorize the sale and purchase of certain land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326).

Mount Tom State Reservation, — land.

Public em-
ployees, —
protection
from political
extortion.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the committee on Elec-
tion Laws, on a petition, a Bill to protect public employees from
extortion for campaign purposes (printed as Senate, No. 279).

Foreign cor-
porations, —
returns.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation,
severally on a part of the report of the joint special recess com-
mittee on taxation matters (Senate, No. 28), —

A Bill to extend the time for filing returns of taxable property
by foreign corporations (House, No. 1331); and

Domestic
corporations, —
taxation.

A Bill relative to the taxation of domestic business corpora-
tions (House, No. 1332).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the
next session for a second reading.

National
Guard prop-
erty and dis-
bursing officer,
— expenses.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and
Means, that the Resolve providing for certain expenses in the
office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer,
ought to pass (House, No. 1333). Placed in the orders of the
day for the next session for a second reading.

First District
Court of
Northern
Middlesex,
— salary of
justice.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public
Service, on a petition, a Bill to establish the salary of the justice
of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No.
314, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the
words "twenty-five", and inserting in place thereof the word
"sixteen"). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the com-
mittee on Counties on the part of the House.

Lyman School
for Boys, —
improvements.

By Mr. French of Somerville, for the committee on Public
Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees
of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 223) (accom-
panied by resolve, House, No. 224), a Resolve providing for
certain improvements at the Lyman School for Boys. Read;
and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and
Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the readjustment of voting precincts in the city of
Boston;

Relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection
with the construction of hospitals for tuberculous patients;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To provide for the parole or discharge of certain female pris-
oners; and

Relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid
to superintendents of schools;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the
Senate.

Quincy, —
taxation of
certain state
lands.

An engrossed Bill relative to the taxation of certain lands in
the city of Quincy owned by the Commonwealth (see House, No.
801) was put upon its final passage.

Mr. Warner of Taunton moved that the bill be referred to the
committee on Ways and Means; and this motion prevailed.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 383) of Denis J. Mahoney relative to authorizing cities to maintain schools of agriculture and horticulture; and Orders of the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Thomas F. Donovan that all teachers in public or private schools and institutions be required to take an oath of allegiance to the United States;

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1081) of William N. Stetson that the number of bushels of scallops that may be taken in one day be increased;

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to policies in industrial insurance companies;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 436) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the establishment and regulation of hackney stands in the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no legislation necessary, on so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as relates to the supervision of telephone and telegraph companies;

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 869) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the use of wooden shingles on certain buildings in the city of Boston be authorized;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 962) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the improvement of the navigable facilities of the Neponset river;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1027) of Frederic F. Clauss and another relative to the cost and quality of gas in the city of Cambridge;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1253) of George P. Bingham and others for the incorporation of a marginal freight railroad company to operate in the East Boston district of the city of Boston; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Charles A. Turner and others relative to fees that may be charged by tax collectors for making written demands and for other services;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 927) of Charles S. Ellis relative to the duties of collectors of taxes;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 928) of the New England Land Development Exchange and others relative to advertising the sale for taxes of unimproved land; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1052) of Fred A. Fernald relative to deductions from taxable incomes;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 117) of Frank J. Burke for the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of insurance for soldiers and sailors;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 142) of C. F. Ames that voluntary associations and joint stock companies be prohibited from owning or controlling public service corporations;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 228) of Edward N. Dahlborg relative to the disposition of the earnings of co-operative associations and that such associations may re-organize as business corporations with the right to retain their former names;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 711) of Jacob Wasserman that the making or publishing of false or exaggerated statements concerning the affairs of corporations and other associations or individuals be further prohibited;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 848) of Frank M. Forbush and another that a statement of the source of title in deeds be required;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 850) of John J. Scott that appeals to the Superior Court may be made from the decision of any member of the Industrial Accident Board; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 1095) of James A. Keown and others for an investigation of the judicial branch of the government of the Commonwealth;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 179) of David T. Montague relative to the change of name of corporations; and

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1030) of The Dorchester Board of Trade for an evaluation of the properties of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and the Boston Consolidated Gas Company;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville (House, No. 750) were adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the expenses of the State Library (printed in House, No. 235);

To provide for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante in the employment of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 1038, changed); and

Relative to the licensing of foreign fraternal benefit societies (House, No. 1313);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To enable St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge to acquire certain church property in the village of South Lee (House, No. 1113, changed);

Relative to the appointment of trustees of The Boston Terminal Company (House, No. 1309); and

To prevent the destruction of highways and bridges by heavy vehicles (House, No. 1310);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend the charter of the city of North Adams (Senate, No. 3, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to place the chief of police of the town of Wareham under the regulations of the civil service (House, No. 773) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of police of Wareham (House, No. 1334).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 129) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Bates of Quincy was adopted, as follows: Inserting after section 2 the following new section: "SECTION 3. If it shall become expedient and necessary to abolish the crossings at grade of said railroad the full expense of the same shall be paid by the company owning said railroad."

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 317) of Robert B. Martin that the price paid for any public service commodities or service be equal for all parts of the city of Boston, was considered.

Mr. Martin of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide that in the city of Boston the amounts paid to public service corporations for commodities or service shall be uniform (House, No. 317).

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then rejected, by a vote of 47 to 69; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 861) of Frederick Butler that the use of opaque glass in the exterior windows of factories and workshops be authorized, was considered.

Mr. Maloney of Chelsea moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of M. H. Jordan relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories, was considered.

Mr. Jordan of Lawrence moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories (House, No. 992).

After debate (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The amendment was then adopted, by a vote of 62 to 42; and the bill was read, and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of David J. O'Connell relative to enabling fire, water, improvement, light and watch districts having the power of taxation to participate in the distribution of the tax on incomes, was considered.

Mr. Spinney of Weymouth moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen (House, No. 465).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to preventing the publication of certain facts or allegations relative to individuals, was considered.

Mr. O'Connor of Boston moved that the Bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to prevent the publication of certain facts or allegations relating to individuals (House, No. 1318). After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair), —

At twenty-five minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Mahoney of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, March 14, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Resolutions on the Death of Ex-Representative Arthur E. Burr.

Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, on Friday, March 15, be designated and assigned for the presentation and consideration of resolutions on the death of Ex-Representative Arthur E. Burr of Boston; and the motion prevailed.

Death of
Ex-Representative
Arthur E.
Burr.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Daggett of Somerville, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, be requested to incorporate in a report affecting street railway companies an opinion as to the desirability of legislation which would limit the number of passengers, in excess of the seating capacity, that may be transported at one time in a car of any street railway company operated within this Commonwealth having franchises in the public streets.

Street rail-
ways, —
number of
passengers in
excess of the
seating
capacity of
cars.

Petitions.

Mr. Burrell of Medford presented a petition of Fred J. Burrell that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of constructing a high school building. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Medford, —
indebtedness
for a high
school.

Mr. Wharton of Boston presented a petition of Louis K. Liggett and others that the name of the United Druggists Mutual Fire Insurance Company be changed. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

United
Druggists
Mutual Fire
Insurance
Company.

Mr. Murphy of Lowell presented a petition of Dennis A. Murphy that Charles H. Slowey of Lowell be allowed the compensation he would have received had he been able to qualify as a member of the House of Representatives. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Charles H.
Slowey of
Lowell.

*Papers from the Senate.**Bills:*

To authorize the town of Blackstone to borrow money for the purpose of erecting a high school (Senate, No. 257) (reported on a petition);

Blackstone, —
indebtedness
for a high
school.

County
treasurers, —
tenure of office.

Increasing the tenure of county treasurers from three to five years (Senate, No. 295) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 80); and

Injured
employees, —
weekly
compensation.

Increasing the minimum weekly compensation payable to injured employees in certain cases (Senate, No. 296) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 123);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Hospital
Cottages for
Children, —
state super-
vision.

A Bill to place the Hospital Cottages for Children under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases (printed as House, No. 219, changed) (reported on a part of the recommendations of said commission, House, No. 217); and

Adjutant-
General, —
municipal
expenditures
for the State
Guard.

A Resolve authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities and towns in connection with the State Guard (Senate, No. 293) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 447, 506, 603, 604, 1009 and 1124);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Dealings in
real estate, —
taxation of
income.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257, amended) came down with the indorsement that the Senate had non-concurred in the House amendment (inserting in line 6, after the word "annum", the words " , whether or not the taxpayer is engaged in the business of dealing in such property").

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline the House insisted on its amendment.

Otis, —
refunding of
indebtedness.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 302) of the selectmen of the town of Otis and another that said town be authorized to refund certain indebtedness, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Municipal Finance; and

Methuen Water
Company, —
water supplies.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 303) of Charles W. Mann that the Methuen Water Company be authorized to acquire certain water supplies, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th and 9th joint rules, to the committee on Water Supply;

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rules were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Hudson chief
of police, —
civil service.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fred E. Morris that the office of chief of police of the town of Hudson be placed under the civil service laws. Read; and considered under a sus-

pension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1342) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

By the same member, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fred E. Morris that the town of Hudson be authorized to establish the office of chief of the fire department and that said office be placed under the civil service laws. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1343) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States (House, No. 52) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 53, 54 and 55).

Hudson chief of fire department, — civil service.

Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation, — recommendations.

By Mr. Moran of Mansfield, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Jacob Wasserman that the foreclosure of mortgages during the present war be regulated.

Mortgages, — foreclosure during the war.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 970) of Philip J. Feinberg relative to the regulation of attorneys' liens for fees for services rendered after suit or action commences.

Attorneys, — liens for fees.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the twenty-sixth annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Pub. Doc. No. 46) as does not relate to authorizing the Secretary to appoint a registrar of vital statistics.

Secretary of the Commonwealth, — annual report.

By Mr. Browne of Cambridge, for the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 387) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that the issuing of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be safeguarded further.

Issuing of liquor licenses, — safeguards.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 592) of the Dorchester No-License League that the records of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston be open to the public.

Boston licensing board, — public records.

By Mr. Martin of Boston, for the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 12) of Stewart B. McLeod, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to extend Centre street in said city [Messrs. Blanchard of Cambridge and Bartlett of Brockton, of the House, dissenting].

Brockton, — extension of Centre street.

By Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1022) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence for the appointment of a special commission to investigate the institutions of refuge and detention throughout the Commonwealth.

Institutions of refuge and detention, — investigation.

County
treasurers, —
salaries of
clerks.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1155) of David I. Robinson relative to the grading of salaries of clerks in the office of county treasurers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
free railroad
transportation.

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, for the committee on Federal Relations, on a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 570), a Resolution in favor of free railroad transportation for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States (House, No. 1341). Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolution.

Appropriations, —
educational
institutions.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for sundry educational institutions (House, No. 1340).

Ruffed
grouse
and other
game, —
open season.

By Mr. Malone of Worcester, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 689), a Bill relative to the open season for the hunting of ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits (House, No. 1337).

Reading, —
interest on
certain
securities.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities issued by the town of Reading (House, No. 1295).

Brockton, —
additional
water loan.

By Mr. Bartlett of Brockton, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1250), a Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1339).

Cider vinegar,
— standard
and sale.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Public Health, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 512 and 1018), a Bill relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof (House, No. 1338).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Defective
delinquents, —
care.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the care of defective delinquents (House, No. 1025).

Soldiers and
sailors having
mental diseases,
— temporary
care.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military and naval service of the United States government (House, No. 1023).

Persons before
the courts, —
mental
condition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026).

New Bedford
and Fairhaven
ferry, —
operation.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Resolve relative to the operation of the ferry between the town of Fairhaven and the city of New Bedford (House, No. 20, changed by adding at the end thereof the words “, if possible, and if not, to include their findings in their next annual report”).

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 653, 1056, 1150 and 1151), a Bill to authorize the recovery and repayment of certain sums collected under the income tax law (House, No. 653, changed in section 1, line 13, and in section 2, line 9, by striking out the words "accruing to the estate of", and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words "received by"). Income taxes,
— repayment.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Gleason of Andover moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Public Lighting the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system. Springfield, —
generating
power from
water system.

After debate the motion to reconsider was adopted, by a vote of 75 to 39.

Pending the recurring question Mr. Marsh of Springfield moved that the petition be referred, in non-concurrence, to the committees on Municipal Finance and Public Lighting, sitting jointly.

After further debate the recurring question was negatived; and the motion of Mr. Marsh was adopted. Sent up for concurrence in the reference to said committees, sitting jointly.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ additional watchmen at the State House; Bills enacted.

Relative to the disbursement of state aid for the relief of firemen and their dependents;

Relative to the registration and re-examination of physicians and to practitioners from other states;

To authorize the county of Norfolk to pay a sum of money to the dependent sister of the late Adolph F. A. Schulz;

To enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ for temporary police service certain reserve police officers and others; and

Increasing the number of unmatured shares in co-operative banks that may be individually owned, and the maximum mortgage loan by such banks on single parcels of real estate;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Relative to the refunding or abating of certain taxes on income; and Resolves
passed.

In favor of the trustees for former Troop C, First Squadron of Massachusetts Cavalry;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 844) of William C. Reynolds and others for the construction of a break-water in the town of Scituate by the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary:

On the special report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission relative to the subject of damages to persons and property by accidents caused by owners and operators of motor vehicles (House, No. 9);

On so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No.12), as was referred to said committee; and

On the special report of the State Board of Charity relative to the care and treatment of juvenile offenders, to unifying under one central authority the training and instruction of boys in industrial schools, and to the acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of the Suffolk School for Boys in the city of Boston (House, No. 1181);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 978) of Leland Powers for security to the public for personal and property injuries caused by motor vehicles;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1091) of James M. Curley that the city of Boston be authorized to dispose of Rainsford island in Boston harbor and the Suffolk School for Boys;

Of the committee on Public Service, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the retirement of veterans of the civil war who have been in the service of the Commonwealth;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 86) of Edwin T. McKnight that the salary of the Tax Commissioner and Commissioner of Corporations be established;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1135) of Edward F. McGrady for an increase in the salary of the Deputy Fire Prevention Commissioner for the Metropolitan District; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 1146, 1147 and 1148) of Frank F. Baldwin that sheep and property used in the raising of sheep be exempted from taxation;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 1276) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions relative to the independence of Ireland (House, No. 937) were considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the resolutions be amended by the substitution of resolutions with the same title (House No. 1344).

The amendment was adopted; and the resolutions, as thus amended, were adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby requests that the Congress of the United States, if it shall be deemed expedient, shall recommend that the right of Ireland to be a free and independent country be considered at any peace conference which may be held at the termination of the present war; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the presiding officers of both branches of Congress and to each senator and representative in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the sale and purchase of certain land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326);

Relative to the expenses of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 1327);

To provide further for the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river (House, No. 1328); and

Regulating co-operative bank loans and authorizing loans on matured shares (Senate, No. 97, changed); and

Resolves:

Directing the State Department of Health to investigate and report as to the cost of a sewer adequate to prevent the polluting of the Mystic lakes (House, No. 1330); and

Providing for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer (House, No. 1333);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide for the expenses of the State Library (printed in House, No. 235);

Relative to the distribution of the income tax among departments in certain cities (House, No. 925);

To provide for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante in the employment of the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 1038, changed);

Relative to the licensing of foreign fraternal benefit societies (House, No. 1313);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to preventing the publication of certain facts or allegations relative to individuals, being the unfinished business of the previous session, was considered further.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord of Athol.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. O'Connor of Boston, that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to prevent the publication of certain facts or allegations relating to individuals (House, No. 1318), was then rejected, by a vote of 32 to 68; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 443) of Oakes A. Bridgham that all fees for sealing weights, measures, scales and balances be abolished, was considered.

Mr. Crowley of Abington moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to abolish the fees for sealing weights, measurers, scales and balances (House, No. 443).

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The amendment was then rejected, by a vote of 26 to 51; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1114) of William N. Stetson that fees for the sealing of weights and measures be abolished, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 584) of Daniel J. Gillen that provision be made for the speedier trial of personal injury cases in the county of Suffolk, was considered;

Mr. Gillen of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill in favor of speedier justice in personal injury cases in the county of Suffolk (House, No. 584).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 29 to 70; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the sale of loaded shells and ammunition used in shot guns (House, No. 725) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "who", in line 1, the word "knowingly".

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 2, the word "eighteen", and inserting in place thereof the word "eighty".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Putnam of Lowell.

The amendment moved by Mr. Hays was then rejected, by a vote of 41 to 46; the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was adopted; and the House then refused, by a vote of 29 to 59, to order the bill, as amended, to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 73, changed) was read a third time.

After debate (Mr. Gibbs of Waltham being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Ballantyne of Boston.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 90 to 6.

At thirteen minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline (Mr. Gibbs being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare an adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston), to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, March 15, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules:—

Committee on
Agriculture, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the town of Lexington, on or before Monday, April 1.

The following order, offered by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules:—

Boston Daily
Advertiser, —
article re-
flecting upon
the integrity
of the mem-
bers of the
House.

Whereas, There was printed in the Boston Daily Advertiser of Friday, March 15, 1918, an article purporting to quote Representative Carlton W. Wonson of Gloucester, reflecting upon the integrity of the members of the House of Representatives; therefore be it

Ordered, That the committee on Rules consider what action, if any, should be taken in reference to said article; and that the committee report its findings as soon as practicable.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Board of Com-
missioners on
Fisheries and
Game, —
recommen-
dations.
Chaufseurs, —
compensation
for injuries.

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 35 to 45, inclusive);

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 44) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that chauffeurs be included in the provisions of the workmen's compensation act;

Lord's Day, —
fishing.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 501) of Edward A. Scigliano relative to fishing on the Lord's Day;

Woburn, —
removal of
poles and wires.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of the mayor of the city of Woburn that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston be required to remove poles and lay underground cables in a certain section of said city; and

Boston, —
removal of
garbage and
refuse.

Of the committee on Public Health; leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1020) of Henry E. Bowden relative to the removal of garbage and other refuse matter in the city of Boston;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to make uniform physicians' certificates of exemption from vaccination (Senate, No. 70) (reported on a petition) [Mr. Jackson, of the Senate, and Mr. Mulveny of Fall River, of the House, dissenting], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Vaccination, —
certificates of
exemption.

A Bill providing for the certification of superintendents of schools (printed as House, No. 165) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education, House, No. 161) [Mr. Cross, of the Senate, and Messrs. Conroy of Fall River and Moynihan of Boston, of the House, dissenting], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Superintend-
ents of schools,
— certification.

The House Bill relative to state pay for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service (House, No. 1238, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding at the end of section 1 the words "The treasurer and receiver-general may accept as prima facie evidence of the facts relating to the allotment and service of any applicant, his statement in writing, sworn to before any commissioned officer above the rank of lieutenant in the military service and above the rank of ensign in the naval service."

Soldiers and
sailors, —
state pay.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 308) of George B. Churchill that the town of Savoy may receive a certain portion of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund; and

Savoy, —
Massachusetts
School Fund.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 310) of G. B. Willard relative to the distribution of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund;

Massachusetts
School Fund,
— distribution
of income.

Severally came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Education;

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rule were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Mahoney of Peabody, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 409) of Jacob Wasserman relative to prohibiting the sale or mortgage by one member of a partnership of partnership property.

Partnership
property, —
sale or
mortgage.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of David I. Walsh and others that executors, administrators and guardians may be authorized to give mortgages in the customary co-operative bank form.

Executors and
others, —
giving of
mortgages.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 437) of Delavan C. Delano relative to the authority of

Id.

judges of probate to grant licenses to executors, administrators, guardians and others to give mortgages to co-operative banks.

Movers of
furniture, —
filing of in-
formation.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Charles A. Frazer that persons moving furniture be required to give information regarding said removals.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 308) of Fred P. Greenwood that movers of furniture or household goods be required to file certain information with city and town clerks [Mr. Perley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Bates of Quincy and Browne of Cambridge, of the House, dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Victor A. Heath and others that movers of household furniture be required to make returns of removals to city or town clerks.

Defendants, —
right to bail.

By Mr. Finkel of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 984) of Max Ulin and another relative to the right of defendants to bail.

Sale of pledges,
— surplus.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1103) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the disposition of surplus from the sale of pledges.

Directors of
corporations, —
holding of
office.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 991) of Francis J. Finneran relative to officers and directors of public utility companies or corporations holding offices in more than one such company or corporation [Mr. Odlin of Lynn, of the House, dissenting].

Massachusetts
Hospital
School, —
aid to state
minor wards.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) as relates to authorizing the trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital School to render hospital aid to state minor wards (accompanied by bill, House, No. 215).

Public
employees, —
compensation
for overtime
work.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1032) of John B. Cashman that employees of the Commonwealth and of the cities and towns thereof be paid in money for overtime work.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Adulterated or
misbranded
vinegar, —
procedure in
prosecutions.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Public Health, on petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1017, and by resolve, House, No. 1019), a Bill relative to the procedure in prosecutions for selling or keeping adulterated or misbranded vinegar (House, No. 1345). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Town laws, —
revision and
codification.

By Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, for the committee on Towns, that the Resolve (recommitted) providing for the revision and codification of laws relating to towns (House, No. 656) ought to

pass in a new draft entitled "Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns." Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 73, changed); and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

Boston, —
term of office
of mayor.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for the weekly payment of wages to employees of clubs in cities; Bills enacted.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities of the town of Watertown;

To authorize mutual fire insurance companies to transact certain additional lines of business; and

To provide for the protection of the public health in the vicinity of Alewife brook in the towns of Arlington and Belmont and in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Jacob Wasserman that the foreclosure of mortgages during the present war be regulated; and Orders of
the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 970) of Philip J. Feinberg relative to the regulation of attorneys' liens for fees for services rendered after suit or action commences;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary:

On so much of the twenty-sixth annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Pub. Doc. No. 46) as does not relate to authorizing the Secretary to appoint a registrar of vital statistics; and

On the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States (House, No. 52) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 53, 54 and 55);

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 592)

of the Dorchester No-License League that the records of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston be open to the public;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 861) of Frederick Butler that the use of opaque glass in the exterior windows of factories and workshops be authorized;

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 12) of Stewart B. McLeod, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to extend Centre street in said city;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1022) of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence for the appointment of a special commission to investigate the institutions of refuge and detention throughout the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1155) of David I. Robinson relative to the grading of salaries of clerks in the office of county treasurers;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolution in favor of free railroad transportation for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States (House, No. 1341) was adopted, as follows: —

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby expresses its opinion that the War Department should furnish free transportation on the steam railroads of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for all soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories (House, No. 992);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities issued by the town of Reading (House, No. 1295);

To allow metal garages of limited size in the city of Boston (House, No. 1314);

Authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics (House, No. 1315);

To extend the time for filing returns of taxable property by foreign corporations (House, No. 1331);

Relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof (House, No. 1338);

To authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1339);

Making appropriations for sundry educational institutions (House, No. 1340);

To authorize the town of Blackstone to borrow money for the purpose of erecting a high school (Senate, No. 257); and

Increasing the minimum weekly compensation payable to injured employees in certain cases (Senate, No. 296); and

The Resolve to provide that Warren F. Spalding, a veteran of the civil war, shall be entitled to the benefits of the law in

relation to the retirement of veterans from the service of the Commonwealth (House, No. 902);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide further for the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river (House, No. 1328); and

Resolves:

Directing the State Department of Health to ascertain the cost of a sewerage system to prevent the polluting of the Mystic lakes (House, No. 1330) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Providing for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer (House, No. 1333);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the expenses of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners (House, No. 1327) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing loans on matured shares in co-operative banks (Senate, No. 97, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 747) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money in the construction of a municipal hospital, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to incur additional indebtedness for the construction of a municipal hospital (House, No. 747).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 748) of the mayor of the city of New Bedford that said city be authorized to expend an additional sum of money for the construction of schoolhouses, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Roland D. Sawyer that compensation to injured employees shall begin from the date of injury in certain cases, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

Resolutions on the Death of Ex-Representative Arthur E. Burr.

Death of Ex-
Representative
Arthur E. Burr.

At twelve o'clock the Speaker announced the arrival of the hour assigned for the presentation and consideration of resolutions on the death of Ex-Representative Arthur E. Burr of Boston.

Whereupon Mr. Smith of Boston presented the following:—

Whereas, The members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives have learned with the deepest sorrow of the untimely passing of Arthur Ellington Burr, recently appointed Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, and until a week ago to-day a member of this body; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Massachusetts House of Representatives that one who had rendered service of the highest order, one who had at heart the noblest traditions of the Commonwealth and one who labored ardently and successfully to preserve them has been called from our midst all too soon and that in his death the Commonwealth has sustained a real loss; and the members of the House extend to his bereaved family their sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family.

After remarks by Mr. Smith the resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker requested the members of the committees on the Judiciary and on Election Laws to represent the House at the funeral services of the deceased ex-member, and stated that a general invitation had been extended to the members of the House to attend the services.

Mr. Smith then moved that, as a further mark of respect, the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eight minutes past twelve o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, March 18, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special Communication.

A communication from Mrs. Alice A. Meyer, addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth under date of March 14, conveying her appreciation of the expression of sympathy tendered by the House of Representatives on the occasion of the death of her husband, George v. L. Meyer, and requesting that sincere gratitude and appreciation for their thoughtful action be conveyed to the House, — was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Death of
George v. L.
Meyer.

Petition.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill presented a petition of Essex S. Abbott relative to the further exemption from taxation of deposits in banks situated in other states and held by residents of this Commonwealth. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Deposits in
banks in other
states, —
taxation.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was read; and it was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss; the 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1346) was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the taxation of foreign corporations (printed as House, No. 1325) (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Foreign corpo-
rations, —
taxation.

Reports:

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 107) of George B. Churchill for legislation to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Constitutional Convention;

Constitutional
Convention, —
filling of
vacancies.

Of the committee on Insurance, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 47 and 50);

Insurance
Commissioner,
— recommen-
dations.

Insurance
Commissioner,
— recommendations.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates, and to the responsibility of employers for the payment of benefits (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 48 and 49);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

Injured public
employees, —
compensation.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 113) of Frank J. Donahue for the enlarging of the class of public employees who may be compensated for injuries received in the course of their employment;

Deaths from
industrial
accidents, —
burial
allowances.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114) of Frank J. Donahue for an increase in the amount allowed for burial in cases arising under the workmen's compensation act; and

Conversations
between husband
and wife,
— evidence.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 173) of Frank J. Donahue relative to the admissibility in evidence of conversations between husband and wife; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

Massachusetts
Reformatory,
— fireproof
warehouse.

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to providing for a fireproof warehouse at the Massachusetts Reformatory (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 83); and

Massachusetts
Reformatory,
— shop
stairways.

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to providing for the building of shop stairways at the Massachusetts Reformatory (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 84);

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Bay State Life
Insurance
Company.

Extending the time for the organization of the Bay State Life Insurance Company (Senate, No. 304) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 64); and

Public institutions,
— articles produced
by the blind.

Relative to the purchase for public institutions of articles produced by the blind (Senate, No. 311) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 887);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Merrimack
river, —
fishways at
Lawrence and
Lowell.

A Bill to provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell (Senate, No. 278, amended) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, House, Nos. 34 and 38, and on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 110), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Motor vehicles,
— coverage
insurance.

The House Bill to extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles (House, No. 1280) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting after the word "inserting", in line 33, the words "after the word 'insure', in the first line

thereof, the words: — 'upon the stock or mutual plan', and by inserting"; and by inserting after the word "insure", in line 43, the words "upon the stock or mutual plan".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

The engrossed Bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers (see House, No. 1229, amended) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, and that it had been amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "expended", in line 3 (as printed), the words "subject to the approval of the governor and council".

State Board of Agriculture, — purchase of farm machinery.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 755) of Charles A. Winchester for the appointment of a special commission to investigate and improve the construction of buildings for the Commonwealth.

State buildings, — improved construction.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons.

Feeble-minded persons, — supervision.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 517) of William F. Dwyer for the repeal of the law authorizing the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to furnish gas and declare dividends on the sliding scale system [Mr. Mealey of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Boston Consolidated Gas Company, — sliding scale system.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1129) of James M. Curley relative to the price of gas in the city of Boston and its vicinity [Mr. Mealey of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Boston and vicinity, — price of gas.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 400) of John W. Craig that the salaries of certain clerks, stenographers and messengers in the employ of the Commonwealth be established.

State clerks, stenographers and messengers, — salaries.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions for an extension of the civil service laws and regulations to certain municipal employees.

Certain municipal employees, — civil service.

Executive department, —
standardization of
salaries.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 618) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., and others for a standardization of the salaries in the Executive department.

Public policy
concerning
wage workers.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of the International Jewelry Workers' Union relative to declaring the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning wage workers, establishing minimum hours of service in certain industries, limiting overtime work and fixing compensation therefor.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Playgrounds,
physical education and social
welfare.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, for the committee on Education, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 833), a Bill relative to the powers of cities and towns in respect to playgrounds, physical education and social welfare (House, No. 1347).

Boston, —
retirement of
laborers.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1138), a Bill relative to the retirement of laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 1349).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Commissioner
of State Aid
and Pensions, —
salaries, clerks,
and agents.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a portion of the recommendations of the following-named official (House, No. 198) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 200), and on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 770), a Bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for additional clerks and agents for temporary service.

Superintendent
of armories,
— salary.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase the salary of the superintendent of armories (House, No. 903, changed by striking out, in line 8, the word "three", and inserting in place thereof the word "two"; and in the title by striking out the words "in the city of Cambridge").

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

Relative to the taking of land for transmission lines by electric companies;

To incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton;

To provide for notice of entry of judgment in certain cases in police, district and municipal courts;

To exempt George W. Brown of Newburyport from the provisions of the teachers' retirement act requiring retirement at the age of seventy;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the taxation of foreign corporations (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, ^{Orders of the day.} on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 409) of Jacob Wasserman relative to prohibiting the sale or mortgage by one member of a partnership of partnership property;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of David I. Walsh and others that executors, administrators and guardians may be authorized to give mortgages in the customary co-operative bank form;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 437) of Delavan C. Delano relative to the authority of judges of probate to grant licenses to executors, administrators, guardians and others to give mortgages to co-operative banks; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 387) of the United Improvement Association of Boston that the issuing of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be safeguarded further;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 984) of Max Ulin and another relative to the right of defendants to bail; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1103) of Clarence W. Rowley relative to the disposition of surplus from the sale of pledges;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 991) of Francis J. Finneran relative to officers and directors of public utility companies or corporations holding offices in more than one such company or corporation;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) as relates to authorizing the trustees of the Massachusetts Hospital School to render hospital aid to state minor wards (accompanied by bill, House, No. 215); and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1032) of John B. Cashman that employees of the Commonwealth and of the cities and towns thereof be paid in money for overtime work;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Fisheries and Game, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (House, No. 34) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 35 to 45, inclusive);

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 44) of the Massachusetts Automobile Operators Association, by Arthur Cundy, president, that chauffeurs be included in the provisions of the workmen's compensation act; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1093) of James J. McCarthy for an amendment of the law relative to payments to employees for personal injuries received in the course of employment and to the prevention of such injuries;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 501) of Edward A. Scigliano relative to fishing on the Lord's Day;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of the mayor of the city of Woburn that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston be required to remove poles and lay underground cables in a certain section of said city; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1020) of Henry E. Bowden relative to the removal of garbage and other refuse matter in the city of Boston;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To prevent the acceptance or receiving of gratuities for the checking of clothing by hotels and restaurants or employees thereof (House, No. 989, changed);

Relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1332);

Relative to the procedure in prosecutions for selling or keeping adulterated or misbranded vinegar (House, No. 1345);

To make uniform physicians' certificates of exemption from vaccination (Senate, No. 70); and

Increasing the tenure of county treasurers from three to five years (Senate, No. 295);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories (House, No. 992);

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities to be issued by the town of Reading (House, No. 1295) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To allow metal garages of limited size in the city of Boston (House, No. 1314);

To authorize an exchange of land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof (House, No. 1338);

To authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1339); and

Making appropriations for sundry educational institutions (House, No. 1340);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the town of Blackstone to borrow money for the purpose of erecting a high school (Senate, No. 257); and

Increasing the minimum weekly compensation payable to injured employees in certain cases (Senate, No. 296);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The engrossed Bill to ascertain the will of the people as to the manner of nominating candidates for certain state offices (see House, No. 1218, amended) was considered, the question being: "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?" (House, No. 1311).

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Roland D. Sawyer that compensation to injured employees shall begin from the date of injury in certain cases, was considered.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the time when full compensation shall begin for injuries received in the course of employment (House, No. 496).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 30 to 94; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 496) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for full compensation to employees injured in the course of their employment when disability continues twenty-one days;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 588) of Lawrence F. Quigley that workmen's compensation begin with the first day after an accident in case incapacity extends more than one week;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 968) of E. J. Cox that injured employees be compensated from the date of their injuries or from an earlier date than at present; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 974) of Andrew P. Doyle for changes in the requirements for compensation under the workmen's compensation act;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099) was read a second time.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1335).

After debate the question was put on the amendment, and 65 members voted in the affirmative and 63 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. French of Haverhill; and on the roll call 95 members voted in the affirmative and 122 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.

Messrs. Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morse, George D.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tolman, James E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Frank G.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bessette, Alfred M.

Messrs. Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.

Messrs. Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Cronin, John
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fits Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.

Messrs. McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

95 yeas; 122 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Collins was rejected.
 The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by persons in the military and naval service of the United States (House, No. 1316) was read a second time.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1336).

After debate Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that, unless a vote be sooner reached, debate be closed at seventeen minutes past four o'clock and that speeches be limited to five minutes; and this motion prevailed.

After further debate (Mr. Rowley of Brookline being in the chair) the question was put on the amendment, and 91 members voted in the affirmative and 68 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge; and on the roll call (the Speaker having returned to the chair) 122 members voted in the affirmative and 97 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Atwood, Harrison H.
Babb, George W. P.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, William B.
Barry, Joseph L.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Benton, Jay R.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bower, Arthur
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Browne, Arthur S.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Cooke, Harry A.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corey, Edwin S.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Craig, William F.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Dean, Henry E.
Dennis, George F.
Dow, James B.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Emery, Carl C.
Ferry, James R.
Foster, William
French, William F.
French, William P.
Frothingham, Charles B.
Furness, Howard F.

Messrs. Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Gould, Charles W.
Granger, Clarence H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Hamilton, John O.
Harriman, Rowland P.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Haskins, William M.
Haynes, Walter
Hays, Martin
Hirsch, John A.
Hudson, John R.
Hull, John C.
Jewett, Victor Francis
Johnson, John G.
Johnson, William L.
Jones, Arthur W.
Jones, Benjamin O.
Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
Kiernan, James F.
Kneeland, William A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Lord, William G.
Magee, Winthrop
Makepeace, Lloyd
McAllister, John H.
Mellen, Walter L.
Merriam, Bernard F.
Meyers, Julius
Monk, Wesley E.
Moran, James G.
Morrison, James
Morse, George D.
Mulveny, Frank
Nason, Arthur L.
Newhall, Arthur N.
Odlin, James E.
Ollendorff, William W.
Orr, John Glenn
Osborne, John N.
Packard, Walter T.
Paine, Arthur W.
Pepin, Chauncey
Perham, Walter
Pierce, Frederick E.
Prescott, Francis
Putnam, Frank H.

Messrs. Richards, George Louis
Robinson, Arthur W.
Shedd, Harry L.
Smith, Jerome S.
Spinney, Burgess H.
Swig, Simon
Tarbell, Warren E.
Tolman, James E.
Torrey, Frank A.
Underhill, Charles L.
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Wall, Albert T.

Messrs. Wasserman, Jacob
Waterman, George B.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Whitman, Albert L.
Whitney, George A.
Wood, Isaac U.
Wood, Wilbur A.
Woodill, Harry C.
Worrall, George M.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Austin, Charles M.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baldwin, George S.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.
Bentley, James D.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butler, Frederick
Carrick, George H.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Daggett, Warren C.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Fleming, William
Foley, William J.
Freeling, Joseph E.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Green, Thomas H.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Holland, William J.
Howland, Edgar F.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.

Messrs. Kent, Robert T.
Lane, Martin R.
Larocque, Ernest A.
Lyman, Frank E.
Mahoney, John P.
Mahoney, William H.
Malone, Michael F.
Maloney, David J.
Manning, Frank A.
Manning, William J.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Marsh, George S.
Martin, Robert B.
McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McIntosh, David S.
McKeon, Francis P.
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Mitchell, John
Morrill, Charles H.
Moynihan, James J.
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nelson, Oscar H.
Nourse, George L.
Nutting, Edward H.
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Rowley, Charles F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Snow, Dexter A.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Stetson, William N.
Walker, George
Warner, Joseph E.
Wheeler, Bion T.
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonson, Carlton W.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Gibbs was adopted. The substituted bill (House, No. 1336) was then ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-six minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Fleming of Somerville, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, March 19, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Brown of Woburn, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, be authorized to travel, in the discharge of their duties, in the city of Boston, on or before March 15.

Committees
on Metro-
politan Affairs
and Street
Railways, —
travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the town of Ayer, on or before April 4.

Committee on
Public Health, —
travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Street Railways be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the cities of Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield and the town of Greenfield, on or before March 30.

Committee
on Street
Railways, —
travel.

Petitions.

Mr. Fleming of Somerville presented a petition of Charles M. Austin and others that the city of Somerville be authorized to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Somerville, —
retirement of
Charles C.
Folsom.

Mr. Magee of Winthrop presented a petition of Winthrop Magee and another that temporary leaves of absence be authorized for municipal officials in the military or naval service of the United States. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Municipal
officials in war
service, —
leaves of
absence.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports:*

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 186) as relates to the sale of bread by weight (accompanied by bill, House, No. 189);

Bread, —
sale by weight.

Inspectors of
weights and
measures, —
salaries.

Treasurer and
Receiver-
General, —
salary.

State Board of
Labor and
Industries, —
inspectors.

Treasurer and
Receiver-
General, —
second deputy.

Certain
personal
property, —
taxation.

Compensation
of injured
employees, —
inaccuracies in
claims.

Prisoners, —
labor on land.

Northampton,
— reimburse-
ment.

Springfield, —
generating
power from
water system.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 49) of Philias J. Tetrault and others that the salaries of inspectors of weights and measures be established; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 217) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Treasurer and Receiver-General be established; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary:

On so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 227) as relates to the inspection force (accompanied by bill, House, No. 228); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Treasurer and Receiver-General (House, No. 286) as relates to the appointment of a second deputy (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287);

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

To exempt from taxation the personal property held by or in trust for religious organizations (Senate, No. 297) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 797); and

Relative to inaccuracies in claims for compensation under the workmen's compensation act (printed as House, No. 267) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Industrial Accident Board, House, No. 264);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A Bill relative to the labor of prisoners on land used for agricultural or domestic purposes (printed as House, No. 346) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

A Resolve providing for reimbursing the city of Northampton for the support of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries (printed as House, No. 382) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system (referred by the Senate to the committee on Municipal Finance, and by the House, in non-concurrence, to the committees on Municipal Finance and Public Lighting, sitting jointly) came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Mr. Tolman of Gloucester moved that the House insist on its reference, and ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and after debate this motion prevailed.

Notice was received that the following House bills had severally been rejected by the Senate:—

Bill relative to elections in the town of Adams (House, No. 430, amended); Adams, — elections.

Bill relative to the reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan in the police department of the city of Somerville (House, No. 1063, changed); and Somerville, — reinstatement of Patrick H. Ryan.

Bill relative to the payment of money by counties, cities and towns to employees in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1289). Soldiers and sailors, — compensation.

Also that the House Bill to regulate the hours of labor of certain employees in paper mills operating day and night (House, No. 126) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court. Paper mills, — hours of labor.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of James J. Phelan and others relative to bucketing and wagering contracts. Bucketing and wagering contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 976) of Francis J. Finneran that sales of stock or bonds without the bona fide delivery of the shares be prohibited. Sales of stock or bonds, — bona fide delivery.

By Mr. Wasserman of Boston, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 847) of Thomas F. Pedrick that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to destroy certain old personal property and obsolete papers, books and documents in the State House. Obsolete state papers, — disposition.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Frank W. Grinnell for legislation relative to appeals from the probate courts. Probate courts, — appeals.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 859) of J. L. Wiseman that certificates of appointment of guardians and conservators shall be recorded. Guardians and conservators, — record of appointment.

By Mr. Flanagan of Lawrence, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 122) of George M. Poland relative to transfers and payments made by administrators and executors. Administrators and executors, — transfers and payments.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 863) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures that the sealing of weights and measures be made uniform. Sealing of weights and measures, — uniformity.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 886) of Frederic S. Snyder for a right of appeal to the State Department of Health upon refusal of cities and towns to issue licenses for the slaughtering of animals. Slaughtering of animals, — appeal on refusal of licenses.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, for the committee on Public Lighting, reference to the next General Court, on the petition Gas plants, — state acquisition.

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of George A. Lancaster for a commission to investigate the value of all gas plants and the advisability and cost to the Commonwealth of acquiring the same.

Saugus, —
salary of trial
justice.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 776) of George L. Nourse and others that the salary of the trial justice of the town of Saugus be increased.

State em-
ployees, —
temporary
increase in
compensation.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Frank S. Walker and another relative to employees of the Commonwealth who are entitled to receive temporary increase in compensation.

Boston munic-
ipal court, —
official
stenographers.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1132) of Thomas F. Donovan that official stenographers be appointed in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Appropri-
ations, — gen-
eral budget.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House should concur with the Senate in its amendments of the House Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176, amended). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Welfare of
soldiers.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, for the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolutions relative to the welfare of soldiers (printed as Senate, No. 236) ought not to be adopted (for the reason that, in the opinion of the committee, no action is necessary). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolutions.

Suffolk register
of probate, —
clerical
services.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide an additional appropriation for clerical services for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 777, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1353).

Millis, —
system of
sewerage.

By Mr. Hall of Worcester, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Millis to construct a system of sewerage (House, No. 1013, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 8, the words "to conduct the sewage,"; in section 7 by striking out, in line 42, the words "from the date of the apportionment", and inserting in place thereof the words "on all unpaid apportionments"; in section 8 by striking out, in line 4, the words "one hundred", and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty"; and by striking out section 10, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 10. The receipts from sewer assessments and from payments made in

lieu thereof shall be applied to the payment of charges and expenses incident to the maintenance and operation of the said sewerage system or to the extension thereof; except that the town may by vote apply any part of said receipts to the payment of interest upon notes or bonds issued hereunder and not otherwise provided for, or to the payment or redemption of such notes or bonds issued on account of sewer construction, and the said receipts shall be used for no other purpose. If the said receipts shall not in any year be sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, the balance required therefor shall be raised by taxation by the town in the same manner in which money is raised for other town purposes.”).

By Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Lighting, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, Nos. 271 and 274), a Bill relative to gas and electric companies (House, No. 1352).

Gas and electric companies.

By Mr. Bessette of Fall River, for the committee on Water Supply, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 931), a Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to supply water to the town of Freetown (House, No. 1351).

Freetown, — water supply from New Bedford.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to increase the compensation of jurors (House, No. 127) ought to pass with amendments, in section 1, striking out, in line 6, the word “five”, and inserting in place thereof the words “four; and by striking out the word ‘eight’, in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word ‘ten’”; striking out, in line 8, the word “five”, and inserting in place thereof the word “four”; and striking out, in line 9, the word “eight”, and inserting in place thereof the word “ten”.

Jurors, — compensation and mileage.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the purchase of certain land adjoining the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 691) ought to pass.

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, — additional land.

By Mr. Achin of Lowell, for the committee on Federal Relations, on petitions (accompanied by resolutions, House, Nos. 114 and 115), on a message from the Governor (House, No. 229) and on a Resolve relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149), that the resolve ought to pass [Mr. Hastings, of the Senate, and Messrs. Bowser of Wakefield, Underhill of Somerville, French of Somerville and Richards of Malden, of the House, dissenting].

National prohibition, — referendum.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. McDonnell of Boston, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 860), a Bill to provide that bail or deposits in lieu of surety forfeited in bastardy cases may be applied to the support of minor children.

Forfeited bail, — support of minor children.

County prison
officers, —
salaries.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the salaries of officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 772).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Commercial
fertilizers,
— sale.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 68), a Bill relative to the sale of commercial fertilizers.

Commissioner
of Weights and
Measures, —
name, salary
and in-
spectors.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, Nos. 186, 187 and 188), a Bill to change the name of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force.

Venereal
diseases, —
suppression.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1320), a Resolve providing for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases.

State House
elevator men
and watchmen,
— compensa-
tion.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the compensation of certain employees of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1033, changed by inserting after the words "elevator men", in line 4, the words "and watchmen").

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the powers of certain special police officers;

Relative to the powers and duties of the Surveyor General of Lumber;

To enable St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Stockbridge to acquire certain church property in the village of South Lee;

Making an appropriation for certain claims against the Commonwealth for land taken to improve the State House grounds; (Which severally originated in the House);

To amend the charter of the city of North Adams; and

Relative to the term of office of the mayor of the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

Orders of
the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 435) of J. T. Crowley that the granting of licenses to aliens be prohibited; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 596) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that only persons who are citizens be granted victuallers' licenses;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 755) of Charles A. Winchester for the appointment of a special commission to investigate and improve the construction of buildings for the Commonwealth; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1129) of James M. Curley relative to the price of gas in the city of Boston and its vicinity;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 400) of John W. Craig that the salaries of certain clerks, stenographers and messengers in the employ of the Commonwealth be established; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions for an extension of the civil service laws and regulations to certain municipal employees; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 618) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., and others for a standardization of the salaries in the Executive department;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 107) of George B. Churchill for legislation to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Constitutional Convention;

Of the committee on Insurance, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 47 and 50);

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates, and to the responsibility of employers for the payment of benefits (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 48 and 49);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 113) of Frank J. Donahue for the enlarging of the class of public employees who may be compensated for injuries received in the course of their employment;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114) of Frank J. Donahue for an increase in the amount allowed for burial in cases arising under the workmen's compensation act; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 173) of Frank J. Donahue relative to the admissibility in evidence of conversations between husband and wife; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to providing for a fireproof warehouse at the Massachusetts Reformatory (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 83); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to providing for the building of shop stairways at the Massachusetts Reformatory (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 84);

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill (recommitted) relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers (House, No. 182) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles (House, No. 1280) were adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To provide that increases in the price of gas shall be approved by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 1304);

Relative to the powers of cities and towns in respect to playgrounds, physical education and social welfare (House, No. 1347);

Relative to the retirement of laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 1349);

To protect public employees from extortion for campaign purposes (printed as Senate, No. 279); and

Relative to the purchase for public institutions of articles produced by the blind (Senate, No. 311); and

The Resolve in favor of The Norwood Morris Plan Company (House, No. 1329);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099);

Relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1332); and

Relative to the procedure in prosecutions for selling or keeping adulterated or misbranded vinegar (House, No. 1345);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics (House, No. 1315) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 3.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill increasing the tenure of county treasurers from three to five years (Senate, No. 295) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill providing for adjournment to Brockton of criminal sittings of the Superior Court for the county of Plymouth (Senate, No. 271, amended) was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brockton the bill was amended as follows: —

In section 1, by inserting in line 4, before the word "criminal", the word "such"; by inserting in line 5, after the word "list", the words "as have arisen within the judicial district of the police court of Brockton or within the towns of Whitman, Abington and Rockland"; and

By striking out section 2.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, 71 members voted in the affirmative and 42 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill; and on the roll call 142 members voted in the affirmative and 73 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, George C. F.
Ammidon, Philip R.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Bitzer, Jacob
Bower, Arthur
Bray, Albert C.
Browne, Arthur S.
Brunell, George J.
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butler, Frederick
Cashman, John B.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Conroy, William S.
Cooke, Harry A.

Messrs. Cooley, Charles L.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Coudrey, Henry E.
Cox, Edward J.
Cronin, John
Crooks, Clarence A.
Crowley, John T.
Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Dow, James B.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Dwyer, William F.
Emery, Carl C.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Foster, William
Freeling, Joseph E.
Furness, Howard F.

Messrs. Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hull, John C.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lord, William G.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius

Messrs. Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Waterman, George B.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitney, George A.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Wilbur A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Frank
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Bunting, George
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.

Messrs. Cheney, Herman S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Dennis, George F.
 Fleming, William
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Granfield, William J.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop

Messrs. Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Penshorn, George
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Jerome S.

Messrs. Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

142 yeas; 73 nays.

Therefore the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to reorganize the assessing department of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 288, amended) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 388) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the jurisdiction of certain courts in the commitment of feeble-minded persons, was considered.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the commitment of prisoners to state insane hospitals and schools for the feeble-minded (House, No. 1348).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the open season for the hunting of ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits (House, No. 1337) was read a second time.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Charles A. Frazer that persons moving furniture be required to give information regarding said removals, was considered; and, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett, the further consideration thereof was postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 308) of Fred P. Greenwood that movers of furniture or household goods be required to file certain information with city and town clerks, was considered.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to require furniture movers to file information of removals with the city or town clerk (House, No. 308).

After debate (Mr. Sawyer of Ware being in the chair) the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 29 to 66; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 982) of Victor A. Heath and others that movers of household furniture be required to make returns of removals to city or town clerks, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend the time for filing returns of taxable property by foreign corporations (House, No. 1331) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve to provide that Warren F. Spalding, a veteran of the civil war, shall be entitled to the benefits of the law in relation to the retirement of veterans from the service of the Commonwealth (House, No. 902) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the resolve be amended by the substitution of a Resolve in favor of Warren F. Spalding (House, No. 1350).

After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then adopted; and the House refused to pass the resolve, as thus amended, to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on Public Lighting, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 517) of William F. Dwyer for the repeal of the law authorizing the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to furnish gas and declare dividends on the sliding scale system, was considered.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the report be amended by striking out the words "petitioner have leave to withdraw," and inserting in place thereof the words "same be referred to the next General Court".

The amendment was adopted, and the report, as amended, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of the International Jewelry Workers' Union relative to declaring the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning wage workers, establishing minimum hours of service in certain industries, limiting overtime work and fixing compensation therefor, was considered.

Mr. Hamilton of Palmer moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before five o'clock, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Leave of Absence.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill moved that Mr. Ballantyne of Boston be granted leave of absence until Monday next, on account of the death of a relative; and this motion prevailed.

John Ballantyne.

Special Communication.

A communication from Mrs. Emily Sturtevant Burr, addressed to the Clerk under date of March 19, tendering her sincere thanks for the resolutions passed by the House and for other tributes of respect on the occasion of the death of her husband, Judge Arthur E. Burr, — was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Death of Ex-Representative Arthur E. Burr.

Petitions.

Mr. Richards of Malden presented a petition of Allen C. Emery and others that the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc., be dissolved. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc.

Mr. Bartlett of Brockton presented a petition of the mayor and city solicitor that the city of Brockton be authorized to increase the rate of interest on bonds and notes hereafter issued on account of indebtedness for sewer purposes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Brockton, — interest on securities.

Mr. Manning of Brockton presented a petition of the mayor and city solicitor of the city of Brockton that said city be authorized to increase the pension of John Flynn. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Brockton, — increased pension for John Flynn.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill presented a petition of Otis J. Carlton that the name of the First Universalist Society in Haverhill be changed and that it be permitted to hold additional property. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

First Universalist Society of Haverhill.

Papers from the Senate.

The following orders, approved by the joint committee on Rules, were severally adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, on or before March 30,

Committee on Roads and Bridges, — travel.

the towns of Lunenburg, Leominster, Rutland, Ware, Holland, New Marlborough and Saugus.

Certain joint committees, — time for final reports.

Ordered, That the time within which joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be extended to Wednesday, March 27, except with reference to the committees on Constitutional Amendments, Federal Relations, Fisheries and Game, Harbors and Public Lands, Insurance, Labor, Legal Affairs, Municipal Finance, Railroads, State House and Libraries and Water Supply.

Reports:

Workmen's compensation insurance rates.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 117 of 1917) as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates (accompanied by bill, House, No. 48);

Mystic lakes, — protection.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 738) of William A. Kneeland that the pollution of the waters and water supply of the Mystic lakes in the city of Medford and towns of Arlington and Winchester be prohibited;

Boston, — Stuart and Eliot streets.

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 155) of Walter E. McLane for a repeal of the law providing for the laying out and construction of Stuart and Eliot streets in the city of Boston;

Massachusetts Hospital School, — care of children.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Thomas F. Moore relative to the care of certain children at the Massachusetts Hospital School;

Patients in insane hospitals, — communication with friends.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 753) of Felix Rackemann that patients in insane hospitals be authorized to communicate with their friends; and

Advertising signs, — regulation.

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 194) of Frank H. Cady that the use of advertising signs be regulated;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Nomination papers, — certification of names.

Relative to the time within which nomination papers shall be submitted for the certification of names (Senate, No. 301) (reported on the annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on election matters, Pub. Doc. No. 43);

Bristol county, — sessions of the probate court.

Relative to the sessions of the probate court for the county of Bristol (Senate, No. 307) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 82); and

Springfield building commissioner, — civil service.

To place the building commissioner of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws. (printed as House, No. 1134) (reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 294, amended) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, House, Nos. 170 and 171), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Port of Boston,
— development.

The engrossed Bill relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools (see Senate, No. 274) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen, but payments by the commonwealth for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be made in accordance with provisions of the law in effect at the time of the passage of this act."

Superintendents of schools,
— salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hull of Leominster, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Marsh of Springfield, Tolman of Gloucester and Adams of Stockbridge the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches relative to the reference of the Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system. Sent up for concurrence.

Springfield, —
generating
power from
water system.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Wilfrid Wheeler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, that the bringing of nursery stock into this Commonwealth be regulated further. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1355) was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Nursery stock,
— inspection.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Louis K. Liggett and others that the name of the United Druggists Mutual Fire Insurance Company be changed. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1356) was referred to the committee on Insurance.

United
Druggists
Mutual Fire
Insurance
Company.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Walton Hall and others that the town of Marshfield be authorized to invest certain money in Liberty Loan bonds. Read; and con-

Marshfield, —
Liberty Loan
bonds.

sidered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1357) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Walpole, —
indebtedness
for water
purposes.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen and water commissioner of the town of Walpole that said town be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of increasing its water supply. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1358) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Women and
minors, —
operation of
elevators.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Sarah Killion Troy and others that the employment of women and of minors under eighteen years of age as elevator operatives be prohibited in certain instances. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359) was referred to the committee on Social Welfare.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Massachusetts
School Fund,
— distribution
of income.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 310) of G. B. Willard relative to the distribution of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

Otis, —
refunding of
indebtedness.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 302) of the selectmen of the town of Otis and another that said town be authorized to refund certain indebtedness. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipal Finance.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Boston Daily
Advertiser, —
article re-
flecting upon
the integrity
of the mem-
bers of the
House.

Whereas, There was printed in the Boston Daily Advertiser of Friday, March 15, 1918, an article purporting to quote Representative Carlton W. Wonson of Gloucester, reflecting upon the integrity of the members of the House of Representatives; therefore be it

Ordered, That the committee on Rules consider what action, if any, should be taken in reference to said article; and that the committee report its findings as soon as practicable.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted.

By Mr. Bentley of Swampscott, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of Robert T. Kent and another that the open season for rabbits be extended.

Rabbits, —
open season.

By Mr. Finkel of Boston, for the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 595) of Frank W. Grinnell relative to the competency of witnesses to wills.

Witnesses
to wills, —
competency.

By Mr. Clauss of Cambridge, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw (for the reason that no legislation is necessary), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 367) of George Penshorn that for general purposes time be advanced one or two hours ahead of Greenwich mean time.

Daylight
saving.

By Mr. Southworth of New Bedford, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 889) of The Massachusetts Prison Association that the removal of prisoners from one county to another shall be paid for by the Commonwealth.

Transfer of
prisoners, —
expense.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 771) of The Association of Massachusetts Building Inspectors that building commissioners, building inspectors and other like officers be placed under the civil service laws and rules.

Building com-
missioners and
inspectors, —
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 214) of George E. Curran for the establishing of the compensation of certain employees in state institutions.

Employees in
state insti-
tutions, —
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766) of Peter F. Hanley and others that the salaries of the court officers in attendance at the sessions of the municipal court in the city of Boston be established.

Boston munic-
ipal court
officers, —
salaries.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 622) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk in the department of the Bureau of Prisons.

Bureau of
Prisons, —
parole clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 897) of Edward C. R. Bagley relative to the appointment of a parole officer at the Massachusetts Reformatory.

Massachusetts
Reformatory,
— parole
officer.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1031) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk at the Massachusetts Reformatory.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 907) of Dennis F. Reardon that removal, suspension or transfer, without hearing, of veteran soldiers and sailors in the employ of the Commonwealth be prohibited.

State veteran
employees, —
removal, sus-
pension and
transfer.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 348) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees

Commission
on Waterways
and Public
Lands, —

compensation of employees.

Unions that the compensation paid to employees of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands be established.

State Prison and Massachusetts Reformatory, — salaries of clerks.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Jacob Bitzer for an adjustment of the salaries of the clerks at the State Prison and the Massachusetts Reformatory.

Medical examiners and associates, — salaries and expenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1039) of Henry Lafavour and another relative to the salaries and expenses of medical examiners and associate medical examiners [Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, of the House, dissenting].

State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, — salaries.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1154) of Bernard F. Supple relative to the establishment of the salaries of the members and the secretary of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

Health insurance; health insurance commission.

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Michael M. Davis, Jr., and others that provision be made for insurance against sickness among wage earners, including cash benefits, medical care and other means for the relief and prevention of sickness, and of J. T. Crowley for the establishment of a system of compulsory health insurance, to provide maternity and other benefits and to create a health insurance commission.

Business corporations, — taxation.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Clifford H. Walker for an extension of the time for the operation of the law relative to the taxation of business corporations.

Collectors of taxes, — appointment and removal by the Tax Commissioner.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to authorizing cities and towns to provide for the appointment and removal of collectors of taxes by the Tax Commissioner:

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Coal mines, — public ownership and operation.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, for the committee on Federal Relations, on a petition, Resolutions requesting Congress to pass legislation providing for public ownership and operation of coal mines (House, No. 1078) [Mr. Underhill of Somerville, of the House, dissenting]. Read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolutions.

Miscellaneous appropriations.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1360).

Prisoners removed to industrial farms, — custody.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 434), a Bill relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms (House, No. 1361).

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time within which the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company is required to file a bond and to construct and operate its railroad (House, No. 661, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 6, 7 and 8, the words "three years after the conclusion of the war between the United States and the Central European powers, so-called", and inserting in place thereof the words "nineteen hundred and twenty-one").

Boston and
Eastern
Electric Rail-
road Company.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require the Public Service Commission to notify certain cities and towns of the filing of petitions or schedules to change the tariffs or rates of street railway companies operated therein (House, No. 643).

Street railway
tariffs, —
notices of
changes.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to establish the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk (House, No. 519). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Suffolk county,
— salary of
chief deputy
sheriff.

By Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Joseph Foster (House, No. 1101, changed by inserting before the word "dollars", in line 3, the word "fifty") [Mr. Perley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Gibbs of Waltham, Boothman of Adams and Flanagan of Lawrence, of the House, dissenting].

Joseph
Foster.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the widow of William G. Walsh (House, No. 1102, changed by inserting after the word "to", in line 2, the words "Alice B. Walsh, widow of"; by inserting before the word "dollars", in line 3, the word "fifty"; and in the title by inserting the words "the widow of" [Mr. Perley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Gibbs of Waltham, Boothman of Adams and Flanagan of Lawrence, of the House, dissenting].

Widow of
William G.
Walsh.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602), a Bill relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers.

Indigent
soldiers
and their
dependents, —
burial.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve providing for reimbursing the town of Rutland for money expended by the town for state paupers (House, No. 1173, changed by striking out, in line 3, the word "dollars", and inserting in place thereof the words "one thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-two cents").

Rutland, —
care of state
paupers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the care of funds of patients in the institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases and to the disposal of interest accrued thereon (House, No. 1206).

State hospitals
for the insane,
— care of funds
of patients.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner

Legacies and
successions,
— taxation.

(House, Nos. 236 and 240), a Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions [Messrs. Nichols and Nash of the Senate, and Messrs. Spinney of Weymouth and Powers of Newton, of the House, dissenting].

Business
corporations,
— taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the report of the joint special recess committee on taxation matters (Senate, No. 28), a Bill relative to the taxation of business corporations.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Warren F.
Spalding.

Mr. Whitney of Clinton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to pass to be engrossed the Resolve in favor of Warren F. Spalding (House, No. 1350); and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 47 to 87.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the jurisdiction of certain trial justices;

Relative to reports and records of venereal diseases;

Relative to conveyances and transfers by a person to himself and others;

Relative to state aid for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the federal service;

To authorize registered physicians and surgeons to disclose information pertaining to venereal diseases;

To provide for the granting of certificates of honor to Massachusetts' soldiers who served on the Mexican border;

Providing for the transfer of certain inmates from the Reformatory for Women to the Industrial School for Girls;

Relative to the use as evidence of copies from the records, books and accounts of trust companies and national banks;

To require certain manufacturing and mechanical establishments to provide for their employees facilities for heating or warming food;

To provide war allowance and state aid for certain residents of the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States, and their dependents;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Authorizing loans on matured shares in co-operative banks (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for compensating certain persons for the loss of horses hired by the militia in June, nineteen hundred and sixteen; and

Providing for an investigation by the Public Service Commission relative to the maintenance of guard rails on platforms of elevated and subway stations in the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of James J. Phelan and others relative to bucketing and wagering contracts; Orders of the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 847) of Thomas F. Pedrick that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to destroy certain old personal property and obsolete papers, books and documents in the State House; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 976) of Francis J. Finneran that sales of stock or bonds without the bona fide delivery of the shares be prohibited;

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 122) of George M. Poland relative to transfers and payments made by administrators and executors; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Frank W. Grinnell for legislation relative to appeals from the probate courts;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Charles A. Frazer that persons moving furniture be required to give information regarding said removals; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 859) of J. L. Wiseman that certificates of appointment of guardians and conservators shall be recorded;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 863) of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures that the sealing of weights and measures be made uniform;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 886) of Frederic S. Snyder for a right of appeal to the State Department of Health upon refusal of cities and towns to issue licenses for the slaughtering of animals;

Of the committee on Public Lighting, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 759) of George A. Lancaster for a commission to investigate the value of all gas plants and the advisability and cost to the Commonwealth of acquiring the same;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 623) of Frank S. Walker and another relative to employees of the Commonwealth who are entitled to receive temporary increase in compensation; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1132) of Thomas F. Donovan that official stenographers be appointed in the municipal court of the city of Boston; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 776) of George

L. Nourse and others that the salary of the trial justice of the town of Saugus be increased;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 186) as relates to the sale of bread by weight (accompanied by bill, House, No. 189);

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 49) of Philias J. Tetrault and others that the salaries of inspectors of weights and measures be established; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary:

On so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 227) as relates to the inspection force (accompanied by bill, House, No. 228); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Treasurer and Receiver-General (House, No. 286) as relates to the appointment of a second deputy (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287);

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions relative to the welfare of soldiers (printed as Senate, No. 236) were rejected, as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations.

Bills:

To authorize the town of Millis to construct a system of sewerage (House, No. 1013, changed);

To authorize the city of New Bedford to supply water to the town of Freetown (House, No. 1351);

Relative to gas and electric companies (House, No. 1352);

To provide for clerical service for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 1353);

To exempt from taxation the personal property held by or in trust for religious organizations (Senate, No. 297); and

Relative to inaccuracies in claims for compensation under the workmen's compensation act (printed as House, No. 267); and

The Resolve providing for the purchase of certain land adjoining the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 691);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to increase the compensation of jurors (House, No. 127) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the powers of cities and towns in respect to playgrounds, physical education and social welfare (House, No. 1347);

Relative to the retirement of laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 1349); and

Relative to the soliciting of money for political purposes from public employees (printed as Senate, No. 279) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to make uniform physicians' certificates of exemption from vaccination (Senate, No. 70) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of the International Jewelry Workers' Union relative to declaring the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning wage workers, establishing minimum hours of service in certain industries, limiting overtime work and fixing compensation therefor, being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill declaring the public policy of the Commonwealth concerning wage workers, establishing minimum hours of service in certain industries, limiting overtime work and fixing compensation therefor (House, No. 355).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 33 to 87; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the open season for the hunting of ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits (House, No. 1337) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1354). After debate the amendment was adopted.

After further debate Mr. Newhall of Stoneham moved that the bill, as thus amended, be referred to the next General Court; and this motion was adopted, by a vote of 91 to 40.

The Bill extending the time for the organization of the Bay State Life Insurance Company (Senate, No. 304) was read a second time.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prohibit hotel and restaurant keepers from receiving tips given to employees for the checking of clothing (House, No. 989, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by persons in the military and naval service of the United States (House, No. 1336) was read a third time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Craig of Boston.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Burke of Boston; and on the roll call (the Speaker having returned to the chair) 163 members voted in the affirmative and 58 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Dennis, George F.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.

Messrs. French, William P.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Hayes, James W.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Mitchell, John
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.

Messrs. Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.

Messrs. Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharten, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, Ernest W.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bentley, James D.
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dow, James B.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.

Messrs. Hall, Clarence M.
 Haskins, William M.
 Hays, Martin
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Martin, Robert B.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morse, George D.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Penshorn, George
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Whitney, George A.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.

163 yeas; 58 nays.

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-one minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Gleason of Andover, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, March 21, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Massachusetts
Nautical
School.

Twenty-sixth annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Nautical School (Pub. Doc. No. 42).

Greylock
Reservation
Commission.

Seventeenth annual report of the Greylock Reservation Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 67).

State free
employment
offices.

Eleventh annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics on the state free employment offices (Pub. Doc. No. 80).

Registration
in
Optometry.

Sixth annual report of the Board of Registration in Optometry (Pub. Doc. No. 97).

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Corrigan of Natick, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Committee
on Social
Welfare, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Lowell, on or before Monday, April 1.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bliss of Malden, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules: —

Committee
on Rules, —
stenographer
at certain
hearings.

Ordered, That the committee on Rules be authorized to employ a stenographer at the hearings given under the order directing the committee to consider what action, if any, should be taken with reference to an article in the Boston Daily Advertiser of March 15, 1918, purporting to quote statements of Representative Carlton W. Wonson of Gloucester, which reflect upon the integrity of the members of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of the same member, and was adopted.

Petitions.

Wakefield, —
referendum
on becoming
a city.

Mr. Bowser of Wakefield presented a petition of E. K. Bowser that the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield be ascertained on the question of making the town a city. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Marlborough
fire department,
— promotion
of call men.

Mr. Baker of Marlborough presented a petition of John H. Baker relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge;

Cambridge,
— listing of
voters.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Industrial Accident Board (House, No. 264) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 265 to 268, inclusive); and

Industrial
Accident
Board, —
recommen-
dations.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1128) of John P. Mahoney relative to an investigation as to the most desirable location for a State Prison;

State Prison,
— new
location.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea (Senate, No. 240) (substituted for so much of a bill as was based on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 38);

Chelsea, —
tenure of
office of
city clerk.

Relative to the extension of Stuart street in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 298) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 156, and House, No. 1012);

Boston, —
extension
of Stuart
street.

Relative to the notification of dangerous diseases by local boards of health to the State Department of Health (Senate, No. 305) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 125, and House, No. 613); and

Dangerous
diseases, —
reporting.

Relative to the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (printed as House, No. 757) (reported on a petition);

Massachusetts
School for the
Feeble-Minded,
— trustees.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A Bill authorizing additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk (printed as House, No. 628) (reported on a petition); and

Norfolk county
register of
probate, —
clerical
assistance.

A Resolve in favor of the heirs of Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan (Senate, No. 282) (reported on a petition accompanied by resolve, House, No. 353);

Gustave
Gammett
and Lena B.
Toppan.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Charles M. Austin and others that the city of Somerville be authorized to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied

Somerville, —
retirement of
Charles C.
Folsom.

by bill, House, No. 1363) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Railroads,
— federal
ownership.

By Mr. Underhill of Somerville, for the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1079) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for permanent ownership and operation of the railroads of the country by the United States government [Messrs. McKinney of Boston, O'Connor of Boston and Quigley of Chelsea, of the House, dissenting].

War relief
funds, —
publicity.

By Mr. Thomas F. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 727) of John F. Duffy and others relative to publicity in connection with soliciting funds for war relief.

Buildings,
— uniform
state law.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1180) of Fred A. Wilson for a state building law relating to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings.

Trustees of
the State
Infirmiry, —
recommendations.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the trustees of the State Infirmiry (House, No. 61).

Tax Com-
missioner, —
recommendations.

By Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, for the committee on Taxation, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 237 to 243, inclusive, and 245 to 263, inclusive).

Corporations,
— returns.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 532) of the Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors relative to the returns of certain corporations to the Tax Commissioner.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Agricultural
workers
in the federal
service, —
classification.

By Mr. French of Somerville, for the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolutions relative to the classification of men engaged in agriculture under the federal selective service act (printed as Senate, No. 243) ought not to be adopted. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolutions.

Mary A. Kelly
of West-
borough.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of Mary A. Kelly of Westborough (House, No. 1127, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1366).

Machinery of
telephone and
telegraph
companies, —
valuation.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill to include machinery in the property of telephone and telegraph companies the value of which shall be determined by the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 1208).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne ought to pass (House, No. 1364).

Cohasset Narrows, — bridge between Wareham and Bourne.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the certification of superintendents of schools (printed as House, No. 165) ought to pass.

Superintendents of schools, — certification.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to place the Hospital Cottages for Children under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases (printed as House, No. 219, changed) ought to pass.

Hospital Cottages for Children, — state supervision.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen (House, No. 465) ought to pass.

Incomes for 1918, — taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to amend the law relative to the taxation of trust companies ought to pass (House, No. 1365).

Trust companies, — taxation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military and naval service of the United States government (House, No. 1023) ought to pass.

Soldiers and sailors with mental diseases, — temporary care.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026) ought to pass.

Persons before the courts, — mental condition.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns ought to pass (House, No. 1367).

Town laws, — revision and codification.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for licensing dispensaries (printed as House, No. 751) ought to pass.

Dispensaries, — licensing.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the transfer of women inebriates to the Norfolk State Hospital (House, No. 218) ought to pass.

Women inebriates, — transfer.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. French of Somerville, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the following-named commission (House, No. 217), a Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed in section 4 by striking out, in line 17, the word "the").

Proposed state school at Belchertown, — water supply.

By Mr. Southworth of New Bedford, for the same committee, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 515 and 615), a Bill relative to the support and burial of indigent persons.

Indigent persons, — support and burial.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to group life insurance;

To prevent the destruction of highways and bridges by heavy vehicles;

To authorize the Tax Commissioner to appoint a principal appraiser;

Making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of police of Wareham;

Relative to interest payments under the retirement system for county employees;

To extend the coverage permitted to certain classes of insurance companies insuring motor vehicles;

To authorize the State Board of Agriculture to purchase farm machinery and lease the same for the use of farmers;

Relative to the renewal of licenses for the keeping, manufacture and sale of explosives and inflammable fluids in the city of Boston;

To increase the sum that may be expended by the county of Essex for reconstructing the Essex bridge over the Danvers river between the cities of Salem and Beverly;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Increasing the tenure of county treasurers from three to five years;

Increasing the minimum weekly compensation payable to injured employees in certain cases; and

To authorize the town of Blackstone to borrow money for the purpose of erecting a high school;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Nicholas B. Lake of Salisbury (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 595) of Frank W. Grinnell relative to the competency of witnesses to wills;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw (for the reason that no legislation is necessary), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 367) of George Penshorn that for general purposes time be advanced one or two hours ahead of Greenwich mean time;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 889) of The Massachusetts Prison Association that the removal of prisoners

from one county to another shall be paid for by the Commonwealth;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 214) of George E. Curran for the establishing of the compensation of certain employees in state institutions;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 348) of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees Unions that the compensation paid to employees of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands be established;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Jacob Bitzer for an adjustment of the salaries of the clerks at the State Prison and the Massachusetts Reformatory;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 771) of The Association of Massachusetts Building Inspectors that building commissioners, building inspectors and other like officers be placed under the civil service laws and rules; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 907) of Dennis F. Reardon that removal, suspension or transfer, without hearing, of veteran soldiers and sailors in the employ of the Commonwealth be prohibited;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 622) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk in the department of the Bureau of Prisons;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 897) of Edward C. R. Bagley relative to the appointment of a parole officer at the Massachusetts Reformatory;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1031) of John L. Donovan relative to the appointment of a parole clerk at the Massachusetts Reformatory;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1039) of Henry Lafavour and another relative to the salaries and expenses of medical examiners and associate medical examiners; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1154) of Bernard F. Supple relative to the establishment of the salaries of the members and the secretary of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Michael M. Davis, Jr., and others that provision be made for insurance against sickness among wage earners, including cash benefits, medical care and other means for the relief and prevention of sickness, and of J. T. Crowley for the establishment of a system of compulsory health insurance, to provide maternity and other benefits and to create a health insurance commission;

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Clifford H. Walker for an extension of the time for the operation of the law relative to the taxation of business corporations; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to authorizing cities

and towns to provide for the appointment and removal of collectors of taxes by the Tax Commissioner;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 117 of 1917) as relates to the approval of workmen's compensation insurance rates (accompanied by bill, House, No. 48);

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 738) of William A. Kneeland that the pollution of the waters and water supply of the Mystic lakes in the city of Medford and towns of Arlington and Winchester be prohibited;

Of the committee on Municipal Finance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 155) of Walter E. McLane for a repeal of the law providing for the laying out and construction of Stuart and Eliot streets in the city of Boston;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Thomas F. Moore relative to the care of certain children at the Massachusetts Hospital School;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 753) of Felix Rackemann that patients in insane hospitals be authorized to communicate with their friends; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 194) of Frank H. Cady that the use of advertising signs be regulated;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions requesting Congress to pass legislation providing for public ownership and operation of coal mines (House, No. 1078) were adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, The inhabitants of this Commonwealth have suffered severely from the exactions of the present operators of the coal mines, who have frequently driven their employees to desperation by their inhuman treatment, have failed to provide sufficient coal when it was greatly needed by the public, and have charged exorbitant prices for such coal as has been procurable; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of The General Court of Massachusetts that public ownership and operation of coal mines would be of great advantage to the citizens of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts respectfully requests the enactment of legislation by Congress providing for public ownership and operation of coal mines; and

Resolved, That the senators and representatives from Massachusetts in the Congress are hereby earnestly requested to make every proper effort to secure the quick passage of the legislation aforesaid; and that copies of these resolutions be sent to them, and also to the clerk of each branch of Congress, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To require the Public Service Commission to notify certain cities and towns of the filing of petitions or schedules to change the tariffs or rates of street railway companies operated therein (House, No. 643);

To extend the time within which the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company is required to file a bond and to construct and operate its railroad (House, No. 661, changed);

In addition to an act making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1360);

Relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms (House, No. 1361);

Relative to the time within which nomination papers shall be submitted for the certification of names (Senate, No. 301);

Relative to the sessions of the probate court for the county of Bristol (Senate, No. 307); and

To place the building commissioner of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws (printed as House, No. 1134);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To increase the compensation and mileage of jurors (House, No. 127, amended) (reprinted as House, No. 1368) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To authorize the town of Millis to construct a system of sewerage (House, No. 1013, changed); and

Resolves:

Providing for the purchase of certain land adjoining the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 691); and

In favor of The Norwood Morris Plan Company (House, No. 1329);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to supply water to the town of Freetown (House, No. 1351) was read a third time.

The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting in line 8, after the word "to", the words "or in the neighborhood of".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To reorganize the assessing department of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 288, amended);

To exempt from taxation the personal property held by or in trust for religious organizations (Senate, No. 297); and

Relative to inaccuracies in claims for compensation under the workmen's compensation act (printed as House, No. 267);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the purchase for public institutions of articles produced by the blind (Senate, No. 311) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1362).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill to ascertain the will of the people as to the manner of nominating candidates for certain state offices (see House, No. 1218, amended), having been returned by His Excellency the Governor with his objections thereto in writing (House, No. 1311), was considered.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware read the following statement; and, on motion of the same member, the statement was ordered printed in the Journal:—

House bill No. 1218, a new draft of House, No. 333, reported unanimously by the committee on Election Laws, was vetoed by His Excellency, March 11, and the veto message was printed in the Journal, and as House document No. 1311. The veto message received wide publicity, and has resulted in putting the Legislature, and notably the committee on Election Laws, in the light of "starting a retreat and pointing the way toward the reenthronement of the party boss", from which catastrophe the aforesaid veto seeks to save the Commonwealth. I feel that justice to the committee and to both branches of the Legislature demands a complete statement of the facts in the case, and I present such facts in the form of an answer to the arguments of the veto message.

The veto claims that the form of referendum was insufficiently frank with the voter. To quote from the veto message: "Few of them would ever infer from the form of the question which the bill would permit them to answer that a vote in favor of expressing their will as to the manner of nominations would be a vote to take away their right to vote directly in nominating the candidates in question". The last work done by the late honored chairman of the committee on Election Laws on the part of the House, was to assist me in the drafting of this bill (House, No. 1218). When we came to section 4, the form in which the referendum would go to the people, Mr. Burr told me that the Speaker of the House had spoken to him about the bill, and was anxious that the referendum should clearly advise the voter of the subject-matter of the bill. Accordingly the referendum reported was clear and explicit, and would inform any voter as to just the question he was voting upon.

Unfortunately, the drafting clerk of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading of another branch of the Legislature changed the title of the bill so that it should correspond to the title of the bill referring to the people in nineteen hundred and sixteen the question of holding a Constitutional Convention (which bill was approved by His Excellency), and the more serious change was also made of altering the referendum clause to correspond

with the changed title. The bill was then folded, and with no mark or record to indicate any change save a "Third Reading" change in the title, was sent through the enactment stage in both branches. The first inkling that any member of the committee on Election Laws had of the change in the referendum clause of the bill was when we heard the Governor's veto message. Had His Excellency taken the pains to send for either the Senate chairman or the House chairman of the committee on Election Laws, or myself in charge of the bill, to discuss his objection to the bill, we should have insisted upon its recall and upon the restoration of the original referendum clause. There was no intent or attempt on the part of any one to "camouflage" the voters by the wording of the referendum clause.

Chapter 270 of the acts of 1913 provides that the city clerk or town clerk must notify the voters of his city or town as to any referenda that shall be voted upon at the state election, which safeguards the people from any attempt of a joker in a referendum.

In the academic discussion to which His Excellency proceeds in the second part of his message, he is undoubtedly right; but as a practical matter I believe the position he has taken is not so happy.

Theoretically there is as much reason for the nomination of a candidate for Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Attorney-General or Auditor of the Commonwealth by the primary method as there is for the nomination of a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senator or Representative by the same system. As a matter of fact, however, the situation has worked out as follows: Popular interest centers about the head of the ticket, and the local contest. The average voter marks his primary ballot for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and then hastens to mark his ballot for his local candidate, paying little attention to the minor state offices. This situation was recognized in the Constitutional Convention by the serious consideration given to the proposition to have these minor state officers appointed by the Governor.

This condition of affairs has delivered our primaries over to certain dominant racial elements in the respective political parties, and has introduced into our state politics racial lines that are unhealthy. In the Republican party no one can successfully contest with a man bearing a Yankee name. In the Democratic party no one can successfully contest with a man bearing an Irish name. In a great State like Massachusetts, composed of people of many racial and religious affiliations, it is unhealthy to exclude on racial lines those who are not of the dominant race in their respective parties. Moreover, lack of vital interest in these nominations is indicated by the preference the voters show for the man whose name comes first on the ballot, and for men who live in the same locality. Hence, with one exception, all men nominated in a contest for these offices have been men who live in the metropolitan district of Boston.

Practically all members of state committees of both Republican and Democratic parties and those interested in the politics

of the State recognized the situation and wanted this bill. Your committee on Election Laws felt the need of the legislation, and reported this act asking the people if they were willing to relinquish so much of their rights under the primary act as would permit the nominating of the four minor state officers in convention. We are confident the people would have approved our course; but His Excellency has refused the people a chance to pass upon it, and has assumed the responsibility of continuing the present system which brings racial elements into our politics.

Because of the publicity given the veto message and its incorporation in the House Journal, and because the same puts your committee on Election Laws in a false position, I ask that this statement have a similar place of prominence.

After further debate the question "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?" was determined by yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution; and the roll having been called the bill failed to pass, less than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same.

The vote was 57 yeas to 169 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Austin, Charles M.
Baldwin, George S.
Carrick, George H.
Cashman, John B.
Clark, Henry S.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Costello, Patrick M.
Craig, John W.
Cronin, John
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Granfield, William J.
Green, Thomas H.
Hayes, James W.
Hays, Martin
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Holland, William J.
Jewett, Victor Francis
Johnson, John G.
Kent, Robert T.

Messrs. Kiernan, James F.
Manning, Frank A.
Marah, Arthur E.
McGrath, Joseph
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Moynihan, James J.
Mulveny, Frank
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Pepin, Chauncey
Pierce, Frederick E.
Powers, Leland
Putnam, Frank H.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Rowley, Charles F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Torrey, Frank A.
Underhill, Charles L.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Winchester, Charles A.
Woodill, Harry C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Atwood, Harrison H.
Babb, George W. P.

Messrs. Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, William B.
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.

Messrs. Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.

Messrs. Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Perham, Walter
 Prescott, Francis
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.

Messrs. Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Wharton, Joseph W.

Messrs. Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

57 years; 169 days.

The report of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 217) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Treasurer and Receiver-General be established, was considered.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill increasing the compensation of the Treasurer and Receiver-General (printed as Senate, No. 217).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 0 to 96; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements (House, No. 1176, amended) were considered.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the amendments be amended by striking out, after Item No. 270, the following: "(271) For maintenance and operation of the police steamer 'Lotis', a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars."

After debate this amendment was rejected, by a vote of 38 to 75; and the Senate amendments were then adopted, in concurrence.

The Resolve relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149) was read a second time.

Mr. Monk of Watertown moved that the resolve be amended by the substitution of Resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to intoxicating liquors (House, No. 115).

Mr. Achin of Lowell moved that the further consideration of the resolve be postponed until Tuesday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Fisheries and Game, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of Robert T. Kent and another that the open season for rabbits be extended, was considered.

Mr. Kent of Pittsfield moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to extend the open season for rabbits (House, No. 842).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766) of Peter F. Hanley and others that the salaries of the court officers in attendance at the sessions of the municipal court in the city of Boston be established, was considered.

Mr. Wood of Fall River moved that the report and petition be recommitted; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill extending the time for the organization of the Bay State Life Insurance Company (Senate, No. 304) was read a third time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Wall of Worcester.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 46 to 10.

At five minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Powers of Newton, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, March 22, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Underhill of Somerville, —

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns on Monday, March 25, it adjourn to meet on the following day at one o'clock P.M.

Hour of
meeting on
March 26.

Papers from the Senate.

Certain
legislative
employees, —
compensation.

A Bill relative to the compensation of certain legislative employees of the General Court (Senate, No. 314) (new draft of a bill substituted for House bill No. 621, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Reports:

Stock in
mining cor-
porations, —
sale.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 178) of John E. Beck for further regulation of sales of shares of stock in mining corporations;

Motor vehicles
used as com-
mon carriers,
— licensing.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 723) of the Essex County Associated Boards of Trade for the regulation of motor vehicles operated as common carriers and for the licensing and supervision of such motor vehicles by the Public Service Commission; and

State engi-
neering service,
— standardi-
zation.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 350) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the standardization of grades and compensation in the engineering service of the Commonwealth; and

State House
scrubwomen,
— wages.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of William J. Manning that the wages of scrubwomen employed at the State House be increased;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Boston and
Cambridge
bridge em-
ployees, —
compensation
for injuries.

A Bill to provide for compensating certain persons employed on the bridges between Boston and Cambridge for injuries received in the course of their employment (Senate, No. 112) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 112, and House, Nos. 386 and 497), passed to be engrossed by the Senate,

was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House Bill to provide for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante by the Metropolitan Park Commission (House, No. 1038, changed) (its title having been changed in the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, inserting in line 2, before the name "Carmine Violante", the words " , without civil service examination,".

Carmine Violante.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill to dissolve certain corporations (House, No. 1308) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, striking out (on page 3, as printed) the name "A. W. Farrington Company, The"; and also striking out (on page 30, as printed) the name "Rawson Products Company".

Corporations, — dissolution.

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Maloney of Chelsea; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

The House Resolution in favor of free railroad transportation for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States (House, No. 1341) came down adopted, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

Soldiers and sailors, — free railroad transportation.

Adding at the end of the resolution the words " ; and be it further

" *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Secretary of War and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth." ; and

In the title, striking out the word "Resolution", and inserting in place thereof the word "Resolutions".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate adhered to its non-concurrence in the House amendment (inserting in line 6, after the word "annum", the words " , whether or not the taxpayer is engaged in the business of dealing in such property").

Dealings in real estate, — taxation of income.

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline the House insisted on its amendment, and asked for the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Rowley and Messrs. Allen of Norwood and Mahoney of Boston as the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system, came

Springfield, — generation of power from its water system.

down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Sanford, Hobson and Fitzgerald had been joined.

Reports of Committees.

East Boston, —
removal of
street car
tracks.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be suspended on the petition of E. J. Cox for the removal of street car tracks from a certain portion of Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 9th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1371) was referred to the committee on Street Railways, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct. Sent up for concurrence.

Springfield, —
generation of
power from
its water
system.

By Mr. Marsh of Springfield, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches relative to the reference of the Senate petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Frank E. Stacy, mayor, that the city of Springfield be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system, recommending that the House recede from its reference, in non-concurrence, to the committees on Municipal Finance and Public Lighting, sitting jointly; that the Senate recede from its reference to the committee on Municipal Finance; and that the petition be referred to the committee on Cities. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Marsh, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Pay-Roll, that the following order ought not to be adopted: —

Committee on
Pay-Roll, —
correction
of mileage
schedule.

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll consider the expediency of modifying the schedule of mileage for the travelling expenses of members of the House of Representatives, as established by an order adopted on June 1, 1892, so as to correct such errors as may exist in the distances from Boston to the various cities and towns, as established by said order.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Boothman, and was rejected.

Bank de-
posits in other
states, —
taxation.

By Mr. Freeling of Fall River, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1346), a Bill relative to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1370), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, and the bill was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Tonics and
other bever-
ages, —
bottling.

By Mr. Furness of Everett, for the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1014) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to the bottling of tonics, soda water and other beverages.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to receptacles used in the sale of soda water and other beverages. Soda water and other beverages, — receptacles.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, no legislation necessary, on the message from the Governor transmitting a list of pardons granted during the year 1917 (Senate, No. 41). Message from the Governor, — list of pardons.

By Mr. Larocque of Fall River, for the same committee. reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a storehouse at the Lakeville State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 69). Lakeville State Sanatorium, — storehouse.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the committee on Taxation, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to reimburse cities and towns for taxes lost by soldiers' exemptions (House, No. 372) ought not to pass [Messrs. Spinney of Weymouth and Newhall of Stoneham, of the House, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill. Soldiers' exemptions, — reimbursement of cities and towns.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to pension Michael McMahon (House, No. 1293). Brockton, — pension for Michael McMahon.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension James W. Barry (House, No. 1322). Cambridge, — pension for James W. Barry.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1274), a Bill to authorize the city of Lawrence to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Young (House, No. 1372). Lawrence, — widow of John F. Young.

By Mr. Scigliano of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of Dominick J. Harkins in the public works department of the city of Boston (House, No. 1292). Boston, — reinstatement of Dominick J. Harkins.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of police of the town of Hudson (House, No. 1342), which was read. Hudson chief of police, — civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 401 and 1343), a Bill to extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of the fire department of the town of Hudson (House, No. 1343), which was read. Hudson fire department chief, — civil service.

The rules were suspended, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Harriman of Stow; and the bills were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, for the committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates Public schools, — director of physical education.

to physical training in schools, and on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, Nos. 161 and 162), a Bill to provide for the appointment of a director of physical education to have supervision of physical education in the public schools.

Mother of
James F.
Broderick of
Amesbury.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 877), a Resolve in favor of the mother of James F. Broderick of Amesbury.

New State
Prison, —
taking of land.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Bill to provide for the taking of land for a new State Prison by the Director of Prisons (House, No. 81, changed in section 4 by inserting in line 3, before the word "thousand", the words "one hundred and fifty") [Messrs. Dahlborg and Perley, of the Senate, and Messrs. Dean of Worcester and Orr of Pittsfield, of the House, dissenting].

Foreign cor-
porations, —
assessment of
the excise.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236), a Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 242).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To reorganize the assessing department of the city of Boston; and

Relative to the reimbursement of small towns for salaries paid to superintendents of schools;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1079) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for permanent ownership and operation of the railroads of the country by the United States government, was accepted.

Subsequently Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the report was accepted; and this motion, under the rule, was placed first in the orders of the day for the next session.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 727) of John F. Duffy and others relative to publicity in connection with soliciting funds for war relief;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1180) of Fred

A. Wilson for a state building law relating to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings;

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the recommendations of the trustees of the State Infirmary (House, No. 61);

Of the committee on Taxation, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 236) as was referred to said committee (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 237 to 243, inclusive, and 245 to 263, inclusive); and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 532) of the Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors relative to the returns of certain corporations to the Tax Commissioner;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Industrial Accident Board (House, No. 264) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 265 to 268, inclusive), was accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions relative to the classification of men engaged in agriculture under the federal selective service act (printed as Senate, No. 243) were rejected, as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations.

Bills:

To provide for the transfer of women inebriates to the Norfolk State Hospital (House, No. 218);

Relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen (House, No. 465);

To extend the open season for rabbits (House, No. 842);

To provide for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military and naval service of the United States government (House, No. 1023);

To provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026);

To include machinery in the property of telephone and telegraph companies the value of which shall be determined by the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 1208);

To amend the law relative to the taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365);

Relative to the extension of Stuart street in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 298);

Relative to the notification of dangerous diseases by local boards of health to the State Department of Health (Senate, No. 305);

Providing for the certification of superintendents of schools (printed as House, No. 165);

To place the Hospital Cottages for Children under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases (printed as House, No. 219, changed);

To provide for licensing dispensaries (printed as House, No. 751); and

Relative to the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (printed as House, No. 757); and

The Resolve in favor of Mary A. Kelly of Westborough (House, No. 1366);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for clerical service for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 1353) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. Chapter three hundred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight is hereby repealed."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns (House, No. 1367) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Prescott of Grafton and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Bills:

To require the Public Service Commission to notify certain cities and towns of the filing of petitions to change the rates of street railway companies (House, No. 643) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms (House, No. 1361);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1360) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Stetson of Yarmouth.

Bills:

Relative to the time within which nomination papers shall be submitted for the certification of names (Senate, No. 301);

Relative to the sessions of the probate court for the county of Bristol (Senate, No. 307); and

To place the building commissioner of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws (printed as House, No. 1134);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge, was considered.

Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1128) of John P. Mahoney relative to an investigation as to the most desirable location for a State Prison, was considered; and after debate it was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne (House, No. 1364) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea (Senate, No. 240) was read a second time.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "by", in line 2, the words "a vote of two-thirds of".

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 32 to 55; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend the time within which the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company is required to file a bond and to construct and operate its railroad (House, No. 661, changed) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 3.

After debate the amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twelve minutes past twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Waserman of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, March 25, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Fish industry
of the Com-
monwealth, —
report of
investigation.

Ordered, That the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth is hereby extended until the thirtieth day of April.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following order, offered by Mr. Butler of Lawrence, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Committee on
Public Institu-
tions, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Institutions be authorized to visit, in the discharge of their duties, the Rutland State Sanatorium, the Prison Camp and Hospital, the North Reading State Sanatorium, the State Farm and the Penikese Hospital, on or before May 1.

Petition.

Merrymount
park in
Quincy, —
tide gate.

Mr. McIntosh of Quincy presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Quincy that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct and maintain a tide gate near Merrymount park in that city. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Removed
prisoners, —
support.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 890) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the cost of support of prisoners removed from one county to another;

Adjutant-
General, —
salaries and
assistants.

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Frederick L. Murray relative to salaries and assistants in the office of the Adjutant-General;

Robert J.
Taylor, —
retirement.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1133) of Andrew P. Doyle relative to the retirement of Robert J. Taylor, an employee of the Sergeant-at-Arms; and

Boston Ele-
vated Railway,
— physical
evaluation.

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1048) of Joseph McGrath that the Public Service Commission make a physical evaluation of the property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting];

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Relative to the erection of buildings within the lines of ways established by towns having boards of survey (Senate, No. 299) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 360); and

Building lines in certain towns.

To authorize the city of Boston to make additional appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets for the current financial year (Senate, No. 312, amended) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 263);

Boston, — appropriations for municipal purposes and streets.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of personal property (House, No. 248) (its title having been changed in the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 3, striking out the words "upon its passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "as of the first day of April in the current year".

Personal property, — taxation.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 318) of Arthur S. Jones and another that the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company be reimbursed for the loss of certain horses used by the National Guard, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Military Affairs; and

Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company, — reimbursement.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 319) of the selectmen and another of the town of Templeton that the election of the board of assessors for said town be validated, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Towns;

Templeton, — validation of election of assessors.

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rule were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Gibson of Hanover, for the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) as relates to building and furnishing a dormitory and to certain other improvements at the State Normal School at Framingham (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 169) [Mr. Conroy of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

State Normal School at Framingham, — improvements.

By Mr. Dow of Beverly, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Carl C. Emery relative to the age of retirement of teachers.

Teachers, — age of retirement.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1232) of the United Improvement Association of Boston relative to the construction of a tunnel in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston.

Dorchester district of Boston, — tunnel.

Boston, —
extension of
subway system.

By Mr. Fleming of Somerville, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Boston Transit Commission relative to extension of the Boston subway system (Senate, No. 262).

Charles river
bridges, —
condition and
reconstruction.

By Mr. Craig of Boston, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the condition of the bridges over the Charles river within the metropolitan parks district and to the necessity or desirability of reconstructing any of them (House, No. 1182).

Boston, —
Park square
subway en-
trance.

By Mr. Feinberg of Boston, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Boston Transit Commission relative to the construction of an entrance to the subway at Boylston street in or near Park square (Senate, No. 245).

Civil Service
Commission,
— duties and
compensation.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 778) of Dennis A. Kennedy that the powers and duties of the Civil Service Commission be enlarged and that the compensation of its members be increased.

Clerks of
lower courts,
— salaries.

By Mr. Corey of Northborough, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Lloyd Makepeace that the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts be established [Mr. Wood of Fall River, of the House, dissenting].

Mothers with
dependent
children, —
public aid.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 142) of Roland D. Sawyer for further legislation relative to aiding mothers with dependent children.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 316) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to the age of the dependent children of mothers to whom aid is given by cities and towns.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Civil service
appointees
in war service,
— reinstatement.

By Mr. Nelson of Newburyport, for the committee on Public Service, on a recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 454) and on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1036), a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain persons in the public service and for their retention on the civil service list (House, No. 1373). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Public em-
ployees, —
civil service
status.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 455, 908 and 1035), a Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons under the classified civil service (House, No. 1384). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Certain state
employees, —
increased
salaries.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition (accompanied by resolves, House, No. 896), a Resolve in favor of certain state employees who were technically deprived of increased salaries. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the use of asphalt shingles in the city of Boston; Bills enacted.

Relative to the licensing of foreign fraternal benefit societies;

Relative to the appointment of trustees of The Boston Terminal Company;

Relative to the compensation of certain legislative employees of the General Court;

Relative to the distribution of the income tax among departments in certain cities;

In addition to an act making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To make uniform physicians' certificates of exemption from vaccination;

Extending the time for the organization of the Bay State Life Insurance Company;

Relative to inaccuracies in claims for compensation under the workmen's compensation act; and

To exempt from taxation the personal property held by or in trust for religious organizations;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to receptacles used in the sale of soda water and other beverages; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, no legislation necessary, on the message from the Governor transmitting a list of pardons granted during the year 1917 (Senate, No. 41); and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a storehouse at the Lakeville State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 69);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 178) of John E. Beck for further regulation of sales of shares of stock in mining corporations;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 723) of the Essex County Associated Boards of Trade for the regulation of motor vehicles operated as common carriers and for the licensing and supervision of such motor vehicles by the Public Service Commission; and

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 350) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for the standardization of grades and compensation in the engineering service of the Commonwealth; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of William J. Manning that the wages of scrubwomen employed at the State House be increased;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Resolution in favor of free railroad transportation for soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States (House, No. 1341) were adopted, in concurrence.

The resolutions, as amended, were as follows: —

Resolved, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby expresses its opinion that the War Department should furnish free transportation on the steam railroads of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for all soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Secretary of War and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

The Bill to reimburse cities and towns for taxes lost by soldiers' exemptions (House, No. 372) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Taxation.

Bills:

To provide for the reinstatement of Dominick J. Harkins in the public works department of the city of Boston (House, No. 1292);

To authorize the city of Brockton to pension Michael McMahon (House, No. 1293);

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension James W. Barry (House, No. 1322);

To authorize the city of Lawrence to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Young (House, No. 1372); and

To provide for compensating certain persons employed on the bridges between Boston and Cambridge for injuries received in the course of their employment (Senate, No. 112);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the commitment and transfer of dipsomaniacs and others (House, No. 218) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen (House, No. 465);

To provide for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military and naval service of the United States (House, No. 1023) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026);

To include machinery in the property of telephone and telegraph companies the value of which shall be determined by the Tax Commissioner (House, No. 1208);

To provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne (House, No. 1364); and

To amend the law relative to the taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365); and

The Resolve in favor of Mary A. Kelly of Westborough (House, No. 1366);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to place the chief of police of the town of Hudson under the civil service laws (House, No. 1342) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Harriman of Stow.

The Bill to extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of the fire department of the town of Hudson (House, No. 1343) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Hudson and to place said office under the civil service laws (House, No. 1375).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Harriman of Stow.

Bills:

Relative to the extension of Stuart street in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 298);

Relative to the reporting of dangerous diseases by local boards of health to the State Department of Health (Senate, No. 305) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To place the Hospital Cottages for Children under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases (printed as House, No. 219, changed); and

Relative to the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (printed as House, No. 757);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The motion that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on Friday last, accepted the report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1079) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be

requested to provide for permanent ownership and operation of the railroads of the country by the United States government, was considered; and after debate it was negatived. The report was sent up for concurrence in its acceptance.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Arthur F. Blanchard relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge, was considered.

Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1369).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1014) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to the bottling of tonics, soda water and other beverages, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to regulate the manufacture of carbonated beverages, non-alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, so-called (House, No. 1374).

The same member then moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Bill to extend the open season for rabbits (House, No. 842) was read a third time; and after debate the House refused to pass the bill to be engrossed.

The Bill relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea (Senate, No. 240) was read a third time.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of Chelsea at the next municipal election in the form of the following question: 'Shall an act relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Chelsea be accepted?' If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative the act shall take effect; otherwise it shall not take effect."

YES.	
NO.	

After debate the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Quigley; and on the roll call 71 members voted in the affirmative and 133 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.

Messrs. Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.

Messrs. Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.

Messrs. Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Swig, Simon
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Bunting, George
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.

Messrs. Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clause, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dow, James B.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.

Messrs. Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn

Messrs. Osborne, John N.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Perham, Walter
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Myron A.

71 yeas; 133 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Quigley was rejected. The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill providing for the certification of superintendents of schools (printed as House, No. 165) was read a third time; and after debate the House refused to pass the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At twenty-six minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Ollendorff of Medway, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at one o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, March 26, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at one o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Member Qualified.

The Speaker announced the receipt, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, of the certificate of election of Josiah Babcock, Jr., of Milton, who was chosen on March 12 to fill the vacancy in the membership of the House from the Fourth Norfolk Representative District.

Josiah
Babcock, Jr.,
of Milton.

Mr. Babcock being present, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Maloney of Chelsea, Young of Weston and Quinn of Sharon a committee to conduct Mr. Babcock to the Council Chamber to be qualified.

Mr. Maloney, for the committee, subsequently reported that Mr. Babcock had taken and subscribed the required oaths of office, and was duly qualified as a member of the House.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of Mr. Babcock to membership on the committee on Insurance.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary be authorized to travel, in the discharge of their duties, in the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex, on or before April 6.

Joint com-
mittee on
the Judiciary,
— travel.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports:*

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) as relates to the approval of the State Board of Charity for the incorporation of charitable corporations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216);

Incorporation
of charitable
corporations,
— state
approval.

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 213) of Francis Juggins and another for legislation relative to the salaries of the assistant clerks of police, district and municipal courts [Messrs. McLaughlin of Boston and Englert of Boston, of the House, dissenting];

Assistant
clerks of
lower courts, —
salaries.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) of Reginald L. Robbins for legislation to fix the salary of the Tax Commissioner; and

Tax Commis-
sioner, —
salary.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 769) of W. F. Craig that the salaries of the judges of probate in the county of Essex be established; and

Essex county
judges of
probate, —
salary.

District Court
of Southern
Essex, —
salaries.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1131) of Starr Parsons and another relative to the establishment of the salaries of the officials of the District Court of Southern Essex;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Holyoke
fire depart-
ment, — two-
platoon
system.

A Bill to establish the two-platoon system in the fire department of Holyoke (Senate, No. 313) (substituted for a House report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 423), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Resolves:

King's beach,
— public com-
fort station.

Directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate relative to the construction of a public comfort station (Senate, No. 264) (substituted for a House report, reference to the next General Court, on petitions accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 149); and

New Ashford,
— school
expenses.

In favor of the town of New Ashford (printed as House, No. 487) (reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Feeble-minded
persons, —
supervision.

The House report of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons, came down recommitted; and the House concurred in the recommitment.

Reports of Committees.

Brockton, —
increased
pension for
John Flynn.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor and city solicitor of the city of Brockton that said city be authorized to increase the pension of John Flynn. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1377) was referred to the committee on Cities.

First Universal-
ist Society of
Haverhill.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Otis J. Carlton that the name of the First Universalist Society in Haverhill be changed and that it be permitted to hold additional property. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1378) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston Sunday
Evangelistic
Committee,
Inc.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Allen C. Emery and others that the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc., be dissolved. Read; and considered under a suspension of the

rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1379) was referred to the joint committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor and city solicitor that the city of Brockton be authorized to increase the rate of interest on bonds and notes hereafter issued on account of indebtedness for sewer purposes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1380) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Brockton, —
interest on
securities.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Winthrop Magee and another that temporary leaves of absence be authorized for municipal officials in the military or naval service of the United States. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1381) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Municipal
officials in war
service, —
leaves of
absence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of E. K. Bowser that the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield be ascertained on the question of making the town a city. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1382) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Wakefield, —
referendum
on becoming
a city.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following orders ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, be authorized to travel, in the discharge of their duties, in the city of Boston, on or before March 15.

Committees
on Metro-
politan Affairs
and Street
Railways, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the town of Ayer, on or before April 4.

Committee on
Public
Health, —
travel.

Severally considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, in each instance, and adopted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order requesting the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, to report an opinion as to the desirability of legislation which would limit the number of passengers, in excess of the seating capacity, that may be transported at one time in a car of any street railway company, be referred to the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and accepted; and the order sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Street rail-
ways, —
number of
passengers
in excess of
the seating
capacity of
cars.

Joint special committee, — state control of the Bay State Street Railway.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order providing for a joint special committee to investigate and determine whether it is expedient for the Commonwealth to take over and operate the Bay State Street Railway, be referred to the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and accepted; and the order sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Stockyard and meat-packing industries.

By Mr. Achin of Lowell, for the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1076) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of the stockyard and meat-packing industries [Messrs. McKinney of Boston, O'Connor of Boston and Quigley of Chelsea, of the House, dissenting].

Solemnisation of marriage.

By Mr. Granfield of Springfield, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1323) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the classes of persons by whom marriage may be solemnized be restricted.

County treasurers, — clerical assistance.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (re-committed) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, that county treasurers be allowed such clerical assistance and at such compensation as may be approved by their county commissioners.

Town of Salisbury Beach, — incorporation.

By Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, for the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1163) of Samuel F. Beckman and others for a division of the town of Salisbury and the incorporation of the town of Salisbury Beach.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Soldiers, — railroad fare from Ayer to Boston.

By Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, for the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolutions in favor of the reduction of the railroad fare from Ayer to Boston for persons in the military service of the United States (House, No. 936) be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the adoption of the resolutions.

Boston, — school appropriations.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, for the committee on Education, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 835), a Bill relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston (House, No. 1383). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Boston harbor, — Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands.

By Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1242), a Bill granting the consent of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the acquisition by the United States of Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor (printed in House, No. 1242).

Old-age annuities, — state system.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Social Welfare, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to estab-

lish a state system of old-age annuities under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner (printed as Senate, No. 92) ought to pass [Mr. Dunkle of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan; Bills enacted.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain water securities of the town of Reading;

To authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water;

To provide for the reinstatement of Carmine Violante by the Metropolitan Park Commission;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth and for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the sessions of the probate court for the county of Bristol;

To place the building commissioner of the city of Springfield under the civil service laws;

Relative to the time within which nomination papers shall be submitted for the certification of names; and

Providing for adjournment to Brockton of criminal sittings of the Superior Court for the county of Plymouth;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Carl C. Emery relative to the age of retirement of teachers; Orders of the day.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) as relates to building and furnishing a dormitory and to certain other improvements at the State Normal School at Framingham (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 169);

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1232) of the United Improvement Association of Boston relative to the construction of a tunnel in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary:

On the report of the Boston Transit Commission relative to the construction of an entrance to the subway at Boylston street in or near Park square (Senate, No. 245);

On the report of the Boston Transit Commission relative to extension of the Boston subway system (Senate, No. 262); and

On the special report of the Metropolitan Park Commission relative to the condition of the bridges over the Charles river within the metropolitan parks district and to the necessity or desirability of reconstructing any of them (House, No. 1182);

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 778) of Dennis A. Kennedy that the powers and duties of the Civil Service Commission be enlarged and that the compensation of its members be increased; and

Of the committee on Social Welfare, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 316) of Lawrence F. Quigley relative to the age of the dependent children of mothers to whom aid is given by cities and towns;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 890) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the cost of support of prisoners removed from one county to another;

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Frederick L. Murray relative to salaries and assistants in the office of the Adjutant-General; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1133) of Andrew P. Doyle relative to the retirement of Robert J. Taylor, an employee of the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the erection of buildings within the lines of ways established by towns having boards of survey (Senate, No. 299) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide for the reinstatement of Dominick J. Harkins in the public works department of the city of Boston (House, No. 1292);

To authorize the city of Brockton to pension Michael McMahon (House, No. 1293);

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension James W. Barry (House, No. 1322); and

To authorize the city of Lawrence to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Young (House, No. 1372);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for compensating certain persons employed on the bridges between Boston and Cambridge for injuries received in the course of their employment (Senate, No. 112); and

To require that dispensaries shall be licensed by the State Department of Health (printed as House, No. 751) (its title

having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149) was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that debate be closed at four o'clock, unless a vote should be sooner reached; and this motion prevailed.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Monk of Watertown, that the resolve be amended by the substitution of Resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to intoxicating liquors (House, No. 115), was adopted, by a vote of 122 to 96.

The resolutions were read. On the question on their adoption the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Monk; and on the roll call 145 members voted in the affirmative and 91 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Frank
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.

Messrs. Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.

Messrs. Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McIntosh, David S.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.

Messrs. Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bower, Arthur
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Dean, Henry E.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.

Messrs. Feinberg, Philip J.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.

Messrs. McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.

Messrs. O'Connor, John D.
 Penshorn, George
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Walker, George
 Waterman, George B.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.

145 years; 91 days.

Therefore the resolutions were adopted, as follows: —

Whereas, The sixty-fifth Congress, by both houses, passed the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States by a constitutional majority of two thirds thereof, to wit,
 JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES: ARTICLE —.

SECTION 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

SEC. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

Resolved, That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution is hereby ratified by the Legislature of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be forwarded by the Governor to the Secretary of State for the United States, in accordance with section two hundred and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1014) of Joseph L. Johnson relative to the bottling of tonics, soda water and other beverages, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Lloyd Makepeace that the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts be established, was considered.

Mr. Makepeace of Malden moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 626).

Mr. Weston of Newton then moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Question of Order.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware rose to a question of order, and stated that, when the Resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to intoxicating liquors (House, No. 115) were substituted, at the preceding session, for the Resolve relative to the amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors (House, No. 149), they should have been placed, under the provisions of House Rule No. 62, in the orders of the day for the next session, for the reason that the substitution constituted an amendment "of such a nature as to change its character"; and that, therefore, the resolutions should be in the orders of the day for to-day.

Question of order.

The Speaker ruled as follows: "However the Chair might have ruled had the point of order been raised while the matter was pending, he will now rule that no point of order lies, as the matter is not now before the House."

Question of Privilege.

Mr. Wonson of Gloucester rose to a question of personal privilege, and made the following statement:—

"MR. SPEAKER: A few days ago, parts of a letter I wrote were published in a Boston morning paper. Among my statements were some which, without explanation, might be construed to reflect on the honesty and integrity of certain members of this House. I desire to state I had no intention of reflecting upon the character or honesty of any member of this House, or its officers, and I wish to withdraw any statements which might be so taken. I state further that I regret their utterance."

Representative
Wonson of
Gloucester.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden the statement was ordered printed in the Journal of the House.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules:—

Ordered, That the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, and the committee on Street Railways be authorized to employ a stenographer at their hearings and meetings on legislation relating to street railway problems.

Committees on
Street Rail-
ways and
Metropolitan
Affairs, —
stenographer.

educational
work with
aliens.

Library Commissioners to aid free public libraries in their educational work with the alien population and to appoint a director for such work (House, No. 106, changed) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Appropriation,
— venereal
diseases.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases ought to pass in the form of a bill entitled "An Act making an appropriation for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases" (House, No. 1387).

Venereal
diseases, —
drugs and
medicines.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a part of the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, Nos. 208 and 213), and on the annual report of said department of prosecutions and expenditures under the laws relative to adulterated drugs and food (House, No. 293), a Bill relative to the prescribing and compounding of drugs and medicines for the cure or alleviation of venereal diseases (House, No. 1385).

Appropriations,
— Constitutional
Convention.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a portion of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1), a Bill making appropriations for the compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith (House, No. 1386) [Messrs. Gifford, McLane and Smith, of the Senate, dissenting].

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Clarksburg, —
reimbursement.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to reimburse the town of Clarksburg for certain money spent in the care of a tubercular patient (House, No. 1190) ought to pass.

Northampton,
— reimbursement.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for reimbursing the city of Northampton for the support of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries (printed as House, No. 382) ought to pass.

Protection of
fish and game,
— public
interest.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for exhibitions and other means of increasing public interest in the protection of fish and game (House, No. 35, changed) ought to pass.

Commissioner
of State Aid
and Pensions, —
salaries, clerks
and agents.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for additional clerks and agents for temporary service ought to pass (House, No. 1388).

Commissioner
of Weights and
Measures, —
name, salary
and inspection
force.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill to change the name of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force ought to pass (House, No. 1389).

Joseph
Foster.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Joseph Foster (House, No. 1101, changed) ought to pass.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the widow of William G. Walsh (House, No. 1102, changed) ought to pass.

Widow of
William G.
Walsh.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766), a Bill relative to the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 1390). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Boston
municipal
court, —
salaries of
court officers.

By Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Resolve providing for the construction of a new heating and power plant at the Reformatory for Women (House, No. 86).

Reformatory
for Women, —
heating and
power plant.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition, a Bill to empower the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to give certain aid to blind persons in business (printed as Senate, No. 160, changed in section 2 by striking out, in line 2, the word "ten", and inserting in place thereof the word "two") [Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, of the House, dissenting].

Blind
persons in
business, —
state aid.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To dissolve certain corporations;

Relative to the taxation of personal property;

To provide for certain expenses of the State Library;

Relative to the expenses of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners;

To place the chief of police of the town of Hudson under the civil service laws;

To establish the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Hudson and to place said office under the civil service laws;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the extension of Stuart street in the city of Boston;

Relative to the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded;

To place the Hospital Cottages for Children under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases; and

Relative to the reporting of dangerous diseases by local boards of health to the State Department of Health;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bills enacted.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Ellen F. Cody of Salem (which originated in the House); and

Directing the State Department of Health to ascertain the cost of a sewerage system to prevent the pollution of the Mystic lakes (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1323) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the classes of persons by whom marriage may be solemnized be restricted;

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212) of the County Treasurers' Association, by David I. Robinson, president, that county treasurers be allowed such clerical assistance and at such compensation as may be approved by their county commissioners; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1163) of Samuel F. Beckman and others for a division of the town of Salisbury and the incorporation of the town of Salisbury Beach;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) as relates to the approval of the State Board of Charity for the incorporation of charitable corporations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216);

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 213) of Francis Juggins and another for legislation relative to the salaries of the assistant clerks of police, district and municipal courts;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) of Reginald L. Robbins for legislation to fix the salary of the Tax Commissioner; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 769) of W. F. Craig that the salaries of the judges of probate in the county of Essex be established; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1131) of Starr Parsons and another relative to the establishment of the salaries of the officials of the District Court of Southern Essex;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolutions in favor of the reduction of the railroad fare from Ayer to Boston for persons in the military service of the United States (House, No. 936) were considered; and, pending

the question on the adoption thereof, they were referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations.

Bills:

To provide for the reinstatement of certain persons in the public service and for their retention on the civil service list (House, No. 1373); and

Relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston (House, No. 1383);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Lloyd Makepeace that the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts be established, being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Makepeace of Malden, that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 626), was adopted, by a vote of 54 to 51.

The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 142) of Roland D. Sawyer for further legislation relative to aiding mothers with dependent children, was considered.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the aid given to mothers with dependent children (House, No. 142).

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 27 to 72; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1048) of Joseph McGrath that the Public Service Commission make a physical evaluation of the property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, was considered.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide for a physical evaluation of the property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1048).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to authorize the city of Boston to make additional appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets for the current financial year (Senate, No. 312, amended) was read a second time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the tax rate in the city of Boston (House, No. 1376).

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Makepeace of Malden.

The amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1369) was read a second time.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1076) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of the stockyard and meat-packing industries, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Resolutions in favor of an amendment of the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to provide for the public ownership and operation of the stockyard and meat-packing industries (House, No. 1076).

After debate (Mr. Young of Weston being in the chair) the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the two-platoon system in the fire department of Holyoke (Senate, No. 313) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the erection of buildings within the lines of ways established by towns having boards of survey (Senate, No. 299) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At twenty-seven minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, Mr. Young being in the chair, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, March 28, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Howard A. Bridgman, D.D., of Brookline.

Petition.

Mr. Young of Weston presented a petition of B. L. Young relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Savings banks,
— investment
in bankers'
acceptances.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was considered:—

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, April 3, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture, Banks and Banking, Counties, Education, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Mercantile Affairs, Metropolitan Affairs, Military Affairs, Public Health, Public Institutions, Roads and Bridges, Social Welfare, Street Railways, Taxation and Towns.

Certain joint
committees, —
extension of
time for
reports.

Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the order be amended by inserting after the word "Agriculture," the words "Agriculture and Administration and Commissions (sitting jointly), Agriculture and Education (sitting jointly), Agriculture and Public Health (sitting jointly)," and by inserting after the words "Metropolitan Affairs," the words "Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways (sitting jointly)."

The amendments were adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

A report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 782) of Edwin D. Stickney and others that the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind establish workshops and industrial schools for the blind and that the duties of said commission be enlarged and defined, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Blind persons,
— workshops
and industrial
schools.

A Bill relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Somerville (Senate, No. 285) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Somerville city
clerk, — tenure
of office.

Bills:

Metropolitan
water works,
— improve-
ments.

To provide for the completion of certain authorized improvements in the metropolitan water works (Senate, No. 267) (reported on the abstract of the annual report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, House, No. 932); and

Certain
aliens, —
registration.

To provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 960);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Employees, —
fines for
tardiness.

The House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. No employer or person in his employ shall deduct from the pay of a mechanic, workman, laborer, or other employee, because of time lost by reason of tardiness, a sum in excess of the proportionate wage which would have been earned during the time actually lost."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Deposits in
banks outside
the Common-
wealth, —
taxation.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1370) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

"SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter seven of the general acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph entitled "First" of subdivision (a) of said section two, and substituting the following: — First: Deposits in any savings bank chartered by this commonwealth or in the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, or such of the deposits in the savings department of any trust company so chartered as do not exceed in amount the limits imposed upon deposits in savings banks by section forty-six of chapter five hundred and ninety of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and deposits in any bank situated in the State of New Hampshire, so long as the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen of that state remain in force, and deposits in any bank in any other state which exempts from taxation to its inhabitants similar deposits, and interest and dividends thereon, owned by such inhabitants in banks in this commonwealth.

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and shall apply to all taxes assessed in this commonwealth in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill; and after debate it was

adopted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (House, No. 257, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate had non-concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House amendment inserting in line 6, after the word "annum", the words " , whether or not the taxpayer is engaged in the business of dealing in such property".

Dealings in real estate, — taxation of income.

The House receded from its request for a committee of conference and from its amendment, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline; and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary be authorized to travel, in the discharge of their duties, in the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex, on or before April 6.

Joint committee on the Judiciary, — travel.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Packard of Brockton, for the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the removal of brush and small trees from public ways.

Public ways, — removal of brush and trees.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 549) of Alvin R. Wilson and another relative to clearing brush from the edges of highways.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Frank E. Barrows relative to the improvement of the Weweantit river in the town of Carver.

Weweantit river in Carver, — improvement.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, for the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 673) of Alvin R. Wilson and another for the development of the work of women students at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Massachusetts Agricultural College, — work of women students.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill authorizing the municipal court of the city of Boston to extend medical service for its criminal business (House, No. 640) ought not to pass.

Boston municipal court, — medical service.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the probation officer of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 764, changed) ought not to pass.

Boston municipal court, — probation officer.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on the rejection of the bill.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, for the committee on Agriculture, on a part of the recommendations of the Commissioner

Domestic animals, — contagious diseases.

of Animal Industry (House, Nos. 24 and 28), a Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (House, No. 1394).

School
dentists, —
appointment.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of school dentists (House, No. 559) [Mr. Churchill, of the Senate, and Mr. Hull of Leominster, of the House, dissenting].

Special police
officers, —
women
appointees.

By Mr. Gould of Milford, for the committee on Legal Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 856), a Bill to authorize the appointment of women as special police officers (House, No. 1391).

Officers of
foreign corpo-
rations, —
liability.

By Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a part of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), a Bill relative to the liability of officers of foreign corporations (House, No. 1393).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Forfeited bail,
— support of
minor children.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to provide that bail or deposits in lieu of surety forfeited in bastardy cases may be applied to the support of minor children ought to pass (House, No. 1392).

Middlesex
county probate
court messen-
ger, — salary.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the duties and salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex (House, No. 630) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reconsideration.

Solemnizing of
marriages.

Mr. Harrington of Fall River moved that the vote be reconsidered, by which the House, at the preceding session, accepted the report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1323) of Lewis R. Sullivan that the classes of persons by whom marriage may be solemnized be restricted.

After debate the motion to reconsider was negatived.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Making appropriations for sundry educational institutions;
Relative to the organization of the department of the naval militia;

To allow metal garages of limited size in certain sections of the city of Boston;

Relative to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the Commonwealth;

Relative to the powers of cities and towns in respect to playgrounds, physical education and social welfare;

Making appropriations for the Adjutant-General's department, for the State Guard and for certain other military expenses;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea;

To require that dispensaries shall be licensed by the State Department of Health; and

To provide for compensating certain persons employed on the bridges between Boston and Cambridge for injuries received in the course of their employment;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve providing for certain expenses in the office of the National Guard property and disbursing officer (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw (for the reason that the subject-matter has already been acted on), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 567) of Francis J. Crowell that candidates for all state and county offices be nominated at political conventions; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Public Service, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner (House, No. 46) as relates to the salary of the actuary in the department of the Insurance Commissioner (accompanied by bill, House, No. 51);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 906) of Dennis F. Reardon that janitors of county buildings, excepting the Suffolk county courthouse, be placed under the civil service laws;

Of the committee on Social Welfare, no legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Minimum Wage Commission (House, No. 280) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 281 to 285, inclusive);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 192) of James H. Kay, mayor of the city of Fall River, relative to police pensions;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 130) of Edward F. McGrady, president of the Boston Central Labor Union, and another that provision be made for enforcing the recommendations of the Minimum Wage Commission in certain cases;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 915) of E. Mark Sullivan that certain qualifications be established for membership on wage boards;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 916) of Walter M. Whitehill that the provisions of the minimum wage law be extended to all classes of employees;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 917) of Walter M. Whitehill relative to the powers and jurisdiction of the Minimum Wage Commission; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 918) of Cyrus J. Ferris relative to the reports of wage boards to the Minimum Wage Commission; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 926) of Robert S. Corrigan that appeals may be made from the refusal of assessors to abate taxes;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To reimburse the town of Clarksburg for certain money spent in the care of a tubercular patient (House, No. 1190);

Relative to the prescribing and compounding of drugs and medicines for the cure or alleviation of venereal diseases (House, No. 1385);

Making an appropriation for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases (House, No. 1387);

To establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for additional clerks and agents for temporary service (House, No. 1388); and

Relative to the infirmary of the county of Barnstable (Senate, No. 317); and

Resolves:

Providing for exhibitions and other means of increasing public interest in the protection of fish and game (House, No. 35, changed);

In favor of the widow of William G. Walsh (House, No. 1102, changed); and

Providing for reimbursing the city of Northampton for the support of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries (printed as House, No. 382);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston (House, No. 1383) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1080) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for a uniform eight-hour day for all industrial workers, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Resolutions in favor of a uniform national eight-hour work day (House, No. 1080).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners to aid free public libraries in their educational work

with the alien population and to appoint a director for such work (House, No. 106, changed) was considered; and after debate it was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill making appropriations for the compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith (House, No. 1386) was read a second time.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 8, the words "one hundred and sixty", and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred and forty".

After debate Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following:—

"SECTION 2. If the constitutional convention shall not have concluded its labors by October fifteen, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the secretary of the commonwealth shall cause to be placed upon the official ballot used at the next state election in November, the following question: 'Shall the Constitutional Convention, authorized by the vote of the people on November seven, nineteen hundred and sixteen, terminate its labors at a date not later than December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and eighteen?'"

YES.	
NO.	

Mr. Sawyer of Ware raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane. Point of order.

The Speaker stated that the bill was based on so much of the Governor's inaugural address as relates to enabling the Constitutional Convention to complete its labors; that an amendment providing for ascertaining the opinion of the voters would be germane; and that therefore the point of order was not well taken.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following:—

"SECTION 2. This act shall be referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls, and shall be voted on at the next annual state election, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be referred in the form of the following question to be placed upon the official ballot: 'Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the [A] compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith", be approved and become law?'"

YES.	
NO.	

Mr. Rowley of Brookline moved that the amendment moved by Mr. Greenwood be amended by inserting at [A] the word "additional".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Tolman of Gloucester.

The question was first put on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Donovan; and 54 members voted in the affirmative and 105 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Donovan; and on the roll call 65 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.

Messrs. Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Swig, Simon
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Frank
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.

Messrs. Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Foster, William
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.

Messrs. Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.

Messrs. Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

65 yeas; 129 nays.

[The committee on Roads and Bridges were absent on official business.]

[Before the calling of the roll Messrs. Ballantyne of Boston, Ferry of Northbridge, Gleason of Andover, Lyman of Easthampton, Morrill of Haverhill, Moynihan of Boston, Nutting of Leominster, Quinn of Sharon, Smith of Provincetown, Underhill of Somerville, Walker of New Bedford, Waterman of Williamstown and Wonson of Gloucester were excused, at their own request, from voting on the pending questions pertaining to the Constitutional Convention.]

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Donovan was rejected.

The amendment moved by Mr. Wadleigh was then rejected.

The amendment moved by Mr. Rowley was adopted, by a vote of 79 to 23.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Greenwood, as amended, 65 members voted in the affirmative and 56 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Sawyer of Ware; and on the roll call (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) 91 members voted in the affirmative and 103 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Bartlett, Frank
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooka, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hays, Martin

Messrs. Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 McGrath, Joseph
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Morse, George D.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.

Messrs. Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bray, Albert C.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.

Messrs. Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Hayes, James W.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lord, William G.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.

Messrs. Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Swig, Simon
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

91 yeas; 103 nays.

[The committee on Roads and Bridges were absent on official business.]

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Greenwood was rejected.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 105 to 31.

At nineteen minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston (Mr. Bliss being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge), to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, March 29, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bill Ordered Printed.

Corporation
franchise tax, —
distribution.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams a Bill relative to the distribution of the domestic corporation franchise tax (House, No. 1395) was ordered printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Boston, — re-
call of mayor.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 600) of James A. Watson that the number of votes necessary to recall the mayor of the city of Boston be changed; and

Wellesley, —
administration
of town affairs.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioners), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 224) of J. E. Hills and others relative to the administration of town affairs in the town of Wellesley;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Reports of Committees.

Savings banks,
— investment
in bankers'
acceptances.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of B. L. Young relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1396) was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Framingham,
— rate of
interest on
securities.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Frederic H. Hilton relative to the rate of interest on securities issued by the town of Framingham for school purposes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1397) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Counties, —
hospitals for
tuberculous
patients.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Francis Prescott for amendments of the law relative to the construction by counties of hospitals for tuberculous patients. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied

by bill, House, No. 1398) was referred to the committee on Public Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1203) of Henry C. Alvord and others for the incorporation of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association with authority to maintain a cemetery in South Weymouth. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Mount Hope Cemetery Association in South Weymouth.

By Mr. Austin of Somerville, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Somerville to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom (House, No. 1363, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 9 and 10, the words "equal to one half of the compensation paid to him at the time of his retirement," and inserting in place thereof the words "not exceeding eight hundred and fifty dollars, in equal monthly payments"; and by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city subject to the provisions of its charter: provided such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Somerville, — retirement of Charles C. Folsom.

By Mr. Harrington of Fall River, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a part of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, Nos. 186 and 191), a Bill relative to the sale of coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood in paper sacks or bags (House, No. 1399) [Mr. Smith, of the Senate, and Mr. Maloney of Chelsea, of the House, dissenting].

Coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood, — sale.

By Mr. Corrigan of Natick, for the committee on Social Welfare, on petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, Nos. 140 and 200, and House, Nos. 786, 787, 788, 789 and 1141), a Bill to authorize cities and towns to provide the common necessities of life and shelter during time of war, public exigency, emergency or distress (House, No. 1400) [Messrs. Wilson and Hastings, of the Senate, and Messrs. Ferry of Northbridge and Lord of Athol, of the House, dissenting].

Necessaries of life and shelter, — public supply.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Babcock of Milton, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the United Druggists Mutual Fire Insurance Company to United Mutual Fire Insurance Company (House, No. 1356), which was read.

United Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Roland D. Sawyer relative to the removal of brush and small trees from public ways;

Orders of the day.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 549) of Alvin R. Wilson and another relative to clearing brush from the edges of highways; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Frank E. Barrows relative to the improvement of the Weweantit river in the town of Carver; and

Of the committees on Agriculture and Education (sitting jointly), reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 673) of Alvin R. Wilson and another for the development of the work of women students at the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 782) of Edwin D. Stickney and others that the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind establish workshops and industrial schools for the blind and that the duties of said commission be enlarged and defined, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Authorizing the municipal court of the city of Boston to extend medical service for its criminal business (House, No. 640); and

Relative to the probation officer of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 764, changed);

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the duties and salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex (House, No. 630);

To authorize the appointment of women as special police officers (House, No. 1391);

To provide that bail or deposits in lieu of surety forfeited in bastardy cases may be applied to the support of minor children (House, No. 1392);

Relative to the liability of officers of foreign corporations (House, No. 1393);

Relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (House, No. 1394); and

Relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Somerville (Senate, No. 285); and

The Resolve in favor of Joseph Foster (House, No. 1101, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making an appropriation for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases (House, No. 1387); and

Resolves:

Providing for exhibitions and other means of increasing public interest in the protection of fish and game (House, No. 35, changed); and

In favor of the widow of William G. Walsh (House, No. 1102, changed);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to reimburse the town of Clarksburg for certain money spent in the care of a tubercular patient (House, No. 1190) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read: Resolve providing for reimbursing the town of Clarksburg for money expended in the care of a tubercular patient. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Boston to make additional appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets for the current financial year (Senate, No. 312, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the infirmary of the county of Barnstable (Senate, No. 317) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River.

The Resolve providing for reimbursing the city of Northampton for the support of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries (printed as House, No. 382) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton.

The Bill to change the name of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force (House, No. 1389) was read a second time.

Mr. Spinney of Weymouth moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 9, the words "three thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-five hundred".

Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to the appointment of school dentists (House, No. 559) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Baldwin of Brockton moved that it be referred to the next General Court; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for additional clerks and agents for temporary service (House, No. 1388) was read a third time.

Mr French of Haverhill moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "SECTION 2. The offices hereby established shall not be subject to the civil service laws."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Babcock of Milton, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next, at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, April 1, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special and Annual Reports.

A special report of the Board of Retirement, under chapter 106 of the resolves of 1917, relative to establishing a basis for determining the value of board, lodging and other considerations which are a part of the compensation of certain employees in the institutions of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1404), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent up for concurrence.

Employees in state institutions, — board, lodging and other considerations.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General (Pub. Doc. No. 5).

Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14).

Public Service Commission.

Thirty-first annual report of the Controller of County Accounts (Pub. Doc. No. 29).

Controller of County Accounts.

Part I of the fifty-fifth annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Pub. Doc. No. 31).

Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Second annual report of the State Department of Health (Pub. Doc. No. 34).

State Department of Health.

Petitions.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea presented a petition of Lawrence F. Quigley that the compensation of the members of the General Court be increased. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

General Court, — compensation of members.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of Alvin E. Bliss relative to defining the date of payment of compensation to members of the General Court. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

General Court, — date of payment of members.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Felix Vorenberg and others for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Credit Union Bank [Messrs. Swig of Boston and McGrath of Boston, of the House, dissenting]; and

Massachusetts Credit Union Bank.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 905) of the Massachu-

State employees, — annual vacations.

setts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by the Commonwealth be granted annual vacations of two weeks;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Trust companies, —
holding of
real estate.

A Bill relative to the holding of real estate by trust companies (Senate, No. 325) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1249), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Millis, —
sewerage
system.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Millis to construct a system of sewerage (House, No. 1013, changed) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 5, inserting after the word "act", in line 12, the words "provided, that no registered land or interest therein shall be deemed to have been taken until the provisions of section eighty-nine of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the Revised Laws have been complied with"; and in section 8 (section 11, as printed), striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "certificate aforesaid is filed, and after the demand aforesaid is made", and inserting in place thereof the words "date of the service or mailing of the written notice of the assessment, as provided in section seven".

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Hall of Worcester; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

State registrar
of vital
statistics.

The House Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics (House, No. 1315, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, inserting after the word "commonwealth," in line 1, the words ", subject to the approval of the governor and council,".

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Summer hotels
and restaur-
ants, —
employees.
State Depart-
ment of
Health, —
analysts.
Factories, —
opaque glass.

Notice was received that the following House bills and resolve had severally been rejected by the Senate: —

Bill relative to employees of temporary and summer hotels and restaurants (printed as Senate, No. 177);

Bill relative to the powers and authority of analysts and chemists in the employ of the State Department of Health (House, No. 211);

Bill relative to the use of opaque glass in workshops and factories (House, No. 992); and

Resolve in favor of Thomas O. Long (House, No. 1303).

Also that the House Bill relative to the retirement of laborers employed by the city of Boston (House, No. 1349) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Thomas O.
Long.
Boston, —
retirement of
laborers.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 308) of George B. Churchill that the town of Savoy may receive a certain portion of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

Savoy, —
Massachusetts
School Fund.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following orders severally ought to be adopted:—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Institutions be authorized to visit, in the discharge of their duties, the Rutland State Sanatorium, the Prison Camp and Hospital, the North Reading State Sanatorium, the State Farm and the Penikese Hospital, on or before May 1.

Committee on
Public Institu-
tions, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, and the committee on Street Railways be authorized to employ a stenographer at their hearings and meetings on legislation relating to street railway problems.

Committees on
Street Rail-
ways and
Metropolitan
Affairs, —
stenographer.

Severally considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, in each instance, and adopted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, for the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) of B. Preston Clark relative to extending state-aided vocational education during the period of the war.

Vocational
education, —
state aid.

By Mr. Moynihan of Boston, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the report of the Board of Education and the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons relative to the need and facilities for giving mental, manual, physical, military and other instruction to all prisoners in the jails and houses of correction in the several counties (House, No. 1255).

Prisoners in
county insti-
tutions, —
instruction.

By Mr. Conroy of Fall River, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to withdrawing from the College of Physicians and Surgeons the power to grant degrees.

College of
Physicians and
Surgeons, —
degrees.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 186) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 187 to 191, inclusive).

Commissioner
of Weights and
Measures, —
recommendations.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House,

Seashore, —
removal
of refuse.

No. 614) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1401).

Great ponds,
— propagation
of alewives.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the same committee, that the Bill to encourage the artificial propagation of alewives (House, No. 572) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game to lease rights in great ponds for the artificial propagation of alewives (House, No. 1402).

Otis, —
indebtedness.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Otis to refund certain indebtedness (printed as Senate, No. 302).

Walpole, —
water loan.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Walpole to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1358).

Nantucket, —
operation of
motor vehicles.

By Mr. Harriman of Stow, for the committee on Towns, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 657), a Bill to provide for a local referendum on the question of permitting the operation of motor vehicles in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 1403).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Police, district
and municipal
courts, —
salaries.

By Mr. Cooley of East Longmeadow, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) ought to pass.

Suffolk county,
— pensioning
of scrub-
women.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the pensioning of scrubwomen in the employment of Suffolk county (House, No. 1044) ought to pass.

Patients in
state institu-
tions, — funds
and interest.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the care of funds of patients in the institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases and to the disposal of interest accrued thereon (House, No. 1206) ought to pass.

Port of
Boston, —
development.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 294, amended) ought to pass with an amendment striking out section 2 (as amended), and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. To meet expenses authorized by section one of this act, the commission on waterways and public lands may expend an amount not exceeding one million seven hundred seventy-eight thousand three hundred and forty-two dollars, to be paid so far as possible from money received by the department from the sales of land or other property or received from the operation of property within its control, the balance, so far as may be necessary, from the principal of the Harbor Compensation Fund, and any other balance necessary, if any, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, not to exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars."

Norfolk regis-
ter of probate,
— clerical
assistance.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill authorizing additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk (printed as House, No. 628) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, concurred with the Senate in an amendment of the House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099); and this motion prevailed.

Pay of employees, — deductions for tardiness.

On the recurring question the House refused to concur in the amendment.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the city of New Bedford to supply water to the town of Freetown; Bills enacted.

Relative to the procedure in prosecutions for selling or keeping adulterated or misbranded vinegar;

To prohibit employers from receiving gratuities given to employees for the checking of clothing;

To authorize the playing of baseball and football on the Lord's Day by persons in the military and naval service of the United States;

To extend the time within which the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company is required to file a bond and to construct and operate its railroad;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the infirmary of the county of Barnstable;

Relative to the purchase for public institutions of articles produced by the blind; and

Relative to the erection of buildings within the lines of ways established by towns having boards of survey;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns (which originated in the House); and Resolves passed.

Providing for reimbursing the city of Northampton for the support of Smith's Agricultural School and Northampton School of Industries (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1203) of Henry C. Alvord and others for the incorporation of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association with authority to maintain a cemetery in South Weymouth, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 600) of James

A. Watson that the number of votes necessary to recall the mayor of the city of Boston be changed; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioners), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 224) of J. E. Hills and others relative to the administration of town affairs in the town of Wellesley;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To increase the salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex (House, No. 630) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To change the name of the United Druggists Mutual Fire Insurance Company to United Mutual Fire Insurance Company (House, No. 1356);

To authorize the appointment of women as special police officers (House, No. 1391); and

Relative to the liability of officers of foreign corporations (House, No. 1393);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide that bail or deposits in lieu of surety forfeited in bastardy cases may be applied to the support of minor children (House, No. 1392) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1369) was considered; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 102 to 23.

The Bill to establish the two-platoon system in the fire department of the city of Holyoke (Senate, No. 313) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 5, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter; provided that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year."

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the prescribing and compounding of drugs for the cure or alleviation of venereal diseases (House, No. 1385) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "person", in line 1, the words ", except a manufacturer of drugs,".

After debate the amendment was adopted, by a vote of 49 to 1; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 56 to 11. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith (House, No. 1386) was read a third time.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: SECTION 2. This act shall be referred to the people for their approval or rejection at the polls, and shall be voted on at the next annual state election, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be referred in the form of the following question, to be placed upon the official ballot: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the additional compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for further expenses in connection therewith', be approved and become law?"

YES.	
NO.	

Mr. Sawyer of Ware raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane. Point of order.

The Speaker stated that the bill was based on that part of the Governor's inaugural address which recommended that a reasonable appropriation be made to enable the Constitutional Convention to complete its labors; and that, under a recently adopted amendment of the Constitution, the General Court has the right to submit any question to the voters of the Commonwealth. He therefore declared the point of order not well taken.

After debate Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section: SECTION 2. So much of this act as relates to additional compensation for the members of the constitutional convention shall be referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The question shall be placed upon the official ballot in the following form: "Shall the members of the Constitutional Convention receive additional compensation not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars for each member as provided in an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen entitled 'An act making appropriations for the compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith'?"

YES.	
NO.	

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Arnold of Boston.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett then withdrew the amendment moved by him, there being no objection.

The amendment moved by Mr. Allen was rejected, by a vote of 41 to 119; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Somerville to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom (House, No. 1363, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended, in section 1 (as changed in lines 9 and 10), by striking out the words "eight hundred and fifty", and inserting in place thereof the words "six hundred".

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

At nineteen minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Nutting of Leominster, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, April 2, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 2, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am calling to your attention the need of an appropriation for the purpose of providing equipment for camps, supervisors and directors for boys who are to volunteer their services for work upon our farms during the coming summer.

Message from
the Governor,
— equipment
for boys vol-
unteering for
summer work
on farms.

Last summer in connection with the work of the Public Safety Committee, many boys enlisted in the service of farm work to the end that we might increase the production on our farms in Massachusetts and thus materially contribute to the food supply of the country. This plan was so successful that many other States of the Union copied it. It has received the approval of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor at Washington. The work done by the boys was of the most patriotic kind. It helped greatly at a vital point in the mighty struggle in which we are now engaged and it gave to the boys the satisfaction of knowing that they had rendered an important service. It is planned greatly to increase the scope of this work during the coming season. Our farmers are very much in need of labor and the boys in our schools are very willing to furnish it. The work that they are able to do will materially increase our crops of fruits, vegetables and other foods. The system will be of great value to the boys in every way. It will strengthen their bodies. It will teach them many useful things that they might otherwise never know, and it will give them habits of industry and a moral discipline which will be invaluable to them in their future lives.

I heartily recommend that you make provision for carrying on this very valuable work during the season now opening and that you grant an appropriation reasonably adequate to that end.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1406) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, it was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill Ordered Printed.

Hotels and
private lodging
houses, —
inspection and
regulation.

On motion of Mr. Frothingham of Lynn 300 copies of a Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses were ordered printed for the use of the committee on Public Health.

Papers from the Senate.

Small towns, —
highway
improvement.

The House Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in small towns (House, No. 371, amended) (its title having been changed in the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, inserting after the word "amounts", in line 11, the words "for every mile improved as aforesaid by the commonwealth".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Plymouth
county, —
sittings of the
Superior Court
at Brockton.

The engrossed Bill providing for adjournment to Brockton of criminal sittings of the Superior Court for the county of Plymouth (see Senate, No. 271, amended) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section: "SECTION 2. Cases may be tried or otherwise disposed of in such order as justice and convenience may require. The provisions of section thirty-two of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Laws, and of section eight of chapter five hundred and sixty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, shall not apply to this act, except that cases of persons who are actually confined in prison and awaiting trial shall have precedence in the order of trial and shall be tried at Plymouth."

Mr. Baldwin of Brockton asked unanimous consent to move reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted. Objection was made by Mr. Briggs of Plymouth. The bill was returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Medford, —
indebtedness
for a high
school.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fred J. Burrell that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of constructing a high school building. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1407) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

General Court,
— date of
payment of
members.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Alvin E. Bliss relative to defining the date of payment of compensation to members of the General Court. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint

rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1408) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 319) of the selectmen and another of the town of Templeton that the election of the board of assessors for said town be validated. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Towns.

Templeton, —
validation of
election of
assessors.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioners), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Arthur L. Whittemore and another for the repeal of certain provisions of law relative to the grading and classification of milk.

Milk, — grading
and classi-
fication.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 458) of Roland D. Sawyer that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve the highway between the towns of Ware and West Brookfield.

Ware and West
Brookfield, —
highway im-
provement.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 315) of Wilbur A. Wood relative to the improvement of the highway leading from Milford to Southborough through Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, —
highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1136) of H. C. Merwin that horse-drawn vehicles in commercial use be marked so as to show the ownership thereof.

Horse-drawn
vehicles, —
owners' marks.

By Mr. Dennis of Sandwich, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 457) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the improvement of a certain highway in the towns of Gardner and Winchendon.

Gardner and
Winchendon,
— highway
improvement.

By Mr. Baker of Marlborough, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75) of Frank H. Allison and another for the improvement of a highway in the towns of Weston, Wayland, Natick and Framingham.

Weston, Way-
land, Natick
and Framing-
ham, — high-
way improve-
ment.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 527) of Edward F. Harrington that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be given control of the Brightman Street bridge in the city of Fall River.

Brightman
Street bridge
in Fall River, —
state control.

By Mr. Nelson of Worcester, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 76) of William G. Lord for the improvement of the

New Salem
and Petersham,
— highway
improvement.

highway from South Athol to North Dana through the towns of New Salem and Petersham.

Ashland, —
improvement
of Fountain
street.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 635) of Wilbur A. Wood that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve Fountain street in the town of Ashland.

New Marl-
borough, —
highway
improvement.

By Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 633) of Peter I. Adams and another that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to continue the construction and improvement of a road in the town of New Marlborough.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Williamstown,
— state high-
way.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the construction and maintenance of a state highway in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 541) be referred to the next General Court.

Blandford
and Great
Barrington, —
state highway.

By Mr. Dennis of Sandwich, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the construction of a highway from the town of Blandford to the town of Great Barrington (House, No. 415) be referred to the next General Court.

Holden and
Wachusett
Reservation, —
state highway.

By Mr. Baker of Marlborough, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of the highway between the town of Holden and the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 472) be referred to the next General Court.

Leominster, —
improvement
of Lancaster
street.

By Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) relative to the improvement of Lancaster street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 471) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on referring the bill to the next General Court.

Fall River
superintendent
of public
buildings, —
civil service.

By Mr. Wood of Fall River, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to extend the civil service laws to the office of superintendent of public buildings in the city of Fall River (House, No. 900, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of Fall River with the approval of the mayor: provided said acceptance and approval occur before January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen.").

Women and
minors, —
operators of
elevators.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359), a Bill relative to the hours of employment of women and minors as operators of elevators (House, No. 1409).

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the publication of state papers of governors (printed as Senate, No. 280). Governors, — publication of state papers.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions ought to pass (House, No. 1410). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading. Legacies and successions, — taxation.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Walter H. Young of Dedham (House, No. 1234). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means. Walter H. Young of Dedham.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

To require the Public Service Commission to notify certain cities and towns of the filing of petitions authorizing changes in the rates of street railway companies (which originated in the House); and Bills enacted.

To authorize the city of Boston to make additional appropriations for municipal purposes and for the repair and reconstruction of streets for the current financial year (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill to extend the time for filing of returns of taxable property by foreign corporations (see House, No. 1331) was put upon its final passage. Foreign corporations, — returns of taxable property.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Ways and Means; and this motion prevailed.

The engrossed Bill relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms (see House, No. 1361) was put upon its final passage. Prisoners removed to county industrial farms, — custody.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill moved that Rule 53 be suspended; and this motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same member the bill was amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section: SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter two hundred and fifty-eight is hereby amended by striking out the words "four and one half", in the fifteenth line, and substituting the word: — five, — and by inserting after the word "semi-annually", in the sixteenth line, the words: — except that during the continuance of the present war and for one year thereafter the rate of interest may exceed five per cent per annum when necessary, — so as to read as follows: — "Section 4. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the county commissioners are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time, upon the credit of the county, such sums as may be needed, and to issue

bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, County of _____, Industrial Farm Loan, Act of 1917, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within _____ years from its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, except that during the continuance of the present war and for one year thereafter the rate of interest may exceed five per cent per annum when necessary, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes above specified."

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to withdrawing from the College of Physicians and Surgeons the power to grant degrees; and

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 186) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 187 to 191, inclusive);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Felix Vorenberg and others for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Credit Union Bank, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the care of funds of patients in the institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases and to the disposal of interest accrued thereon (House, No. 1206);

To authorize the town of Walpole to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1358);

To authorize the town of Otis to refund certain indebtedness (printed as Senate, No. 302); and

Authorizing additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk (printed as House, No. 628);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 294, amended) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the city of Somerville to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom (House, No. 1363, changed); and

The Resolve in favor of Joseph Foster (House, No. 1101, changed);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (House, No. 1394) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1405), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Somerville (Senate, No. 285) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to change the name of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force (House, No. 1389) was considered; the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate Mr. Carrick of Cambridge moved the previous question.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown then raised the point of order that so much of the bill as provides for an increase in the salary of the commissioner was not germane to the subject-matter on which the bill was based. Point of order.

The Speaker stated that the bill was based on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures for changes in the name and duties of the department; and that, in his opinion, the matter of the salary of the Commissioner, though not specifically mentioned, was incidental to the general proposition, and not beyond the authority of the committee. He therefore declared the point of order not well taken.

The previous question was then ordered.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Spinney of Weymouth (that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 9, the words "three thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-five hundred") was then rejected, by a vote of 58 to 65; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide that increases in the price of gas shall not be made unless approved by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 1304) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting in line 6, after the word "shall", the word "hereafter"; and by adding at the end of the section the following: "This act shall apply to all gas companies, notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or special act."

After debate (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair) Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following: SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to the city of Boston.

Mr. Carrick of Cambridge moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following: SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to the city of Cambridge.

Mr. Bowser of Wakefield moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following: SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to the town of Wakefield.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate Mr. McKeon of Worcester moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting in line 2, before the word "corporation", the word "private".

The amendments recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were then adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. McKeon was adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. Atwood was adopted, by a vote of 44 to 36; and the amendment moved by Mr. Carrick of Cambridge was adopted, by a vote of 45 to 25.

Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge then raised the point of order that a quorum was not present. A count of the House showed that 147 members were present.

The amendment moved by Mr. Bowser was then adopted.

On the question on referring the bill to the next General Court, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. McKeon; and on the roll call (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) 132 members voted in the affirmative and 83 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Ballantyne, John
Barry, Joseph L.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.

Messrs. Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Blague, Giles
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bower, Arthur
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Browne, Arthur S.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butler, Frederick
Carrick, George H.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corey, Edwin S.
Cowdrey, Henry E.

Messrs. Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Foster, William
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.

Messrs. Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Frank G.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.

Messrs. Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Crowley, John T.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Gillen, Daniel J.

Messrs. Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Hull, John C.
 Johnson, John G.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.

Messrs. McLaughlin, Henry J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Christian
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.

132 yeas; 83 nays.

Therefore the bill, as amended, was referred to the next General Court.

The Bill relative to gas and electric companies (House, No. 1352) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out, in lines 19 and 20, the words "without the consent of both parties for a period or periods"; and by striking out, in line 21, the words "may be", and inserting in place thereof the words "the board may deem";

By adding at the end of section 2 the words "and of any other law now or hereafter in force and not inconsistent herewith. No authority granted hereunder shall extend beyond the period of eighteen months after the expiration of the present war."; and

In section 3, by striking out, in lines 15 and 16, the words "without the consent of both parties for a period or periods"; and by striking out, in line 18, the words "may be", and inserting in place thereof the words "the board may deem".

The amendments were adopted; and after debate the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain persons in the public service and for their retention on the civil service list (House, No. 1373) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to preserve the civil service standing of persons in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1411).

Mr. McGrath of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and after debate this motion was adopted.

The Bill relative to the sale of coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood in paper sacks or bags (House, No. 1399) was read a second time. After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair), —

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by Reverend John J. Walker of Newton.

Special Reports.

Committees of
the General
Court, —
travelling
expenses.

A communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, transmitting a statement, as required by the 3d joint rule, of all bills presented to the Auditor of the Commonwealth during the month of March for the travelling expenses of committees of the General Court (House, No. 1412), was read; and the same was sent to the Senate.

Committees of
the General
Court, —
cost of
advertisements
of hearings.

A communication from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, submitting a report, under section 48 of chapter 6 of the Revised Laws, of the expenses incurred by the various committees of the General Court for publishing advertisements of hearings before them to April 1, was read; and the same was sent to the Senate. (House, No. 1413).

Papers from the Senate.

The following orders, approved by the joint committee on Rules, were severally adopted, in concurrence: —

Committee on
Cities, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Cities be authorized to visit, on or before April 6, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Springfield and neighboring territory, in connection with the petition of the mayor of said city that it be authorized to generate power in the development of its water system.

Certain joint
committees, —
extension of
time for
reports.

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, April 10th, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, Counties, Education, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, Military Affairs, Public Health, Public Institutions, Roads and Bridges, Social Welfare, Street Railways, Taxation and Towns.

Reports:

Oil wells, —
government
ownership.

Of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1077) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of oil wells and oil-bearing lands [Messrs. McKinney of Boston, O'Connor of Boston and Quigley of Chelsea, of the House, dissenting];

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 499) of Etta C. Willard relative to permitting the playing of golf, tennis and baseball on the Lord's Day; and

Lord's Day, —
golf, tennis,
and baseball.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 345) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the employment on public works of certain prisoners;

Prisoners, —
employment on public
works.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Resolve extending the term of the annuity payable to the widow of J. Walter Cropper (Senate, No. 326) (reported on a petition accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1209), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Widow of J.
Walter
Cropper.

A Bill relative to the taxation of insurance companies (Senate, No. 281) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Tax Commissioner, House, Nos. 236 and 237), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Insurance
companies,
— taxation.

The House Bill relative to the soliciting of money for political purposes from public employees (printed as Senate, No. 279) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 4. If a person holding an elective office in the service of the commonwealth or of any county, city or town therein, except membership in the general court, is convicted of violating, in the course of his campaign for such office, any provision of this act, proceedings may be brought against him under the provisions of chapter seven hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, and acts in amendment thereof, relating to corrupt practices, for a forfeiture of the office to which he was elected, and any officer or employee holding an appointive office who is convicted of violating any provision of this act may be summarily removed by the appointing authority without a hearing."

Public em-
ployees,
— political con-
tributions.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Hays of Boston; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 331) of William H. Shuart, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and others that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to keep certain highways passable for motor vehicles during the winter months, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Roads and Bridges; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State highways,
— passable for
motor vehicles
in winter.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted:—

Committee on
Agriculture, —
travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the town of Lexington, on or before Monday, April 1.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of the same member, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Farm
products, —
sale on
commission.

By Mr. Packard of Brockton, for the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 548) of Peter I. Adams that the sale of farm products on commission be regulated.

Cummington
and Adams, —
state highway.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 351) of Cornelius Boothman that the appropriation for the construction of a state highway between the towns of Cummington and Adams be increased.

Health
insurance.

By Mr. Crowley of Abington, for the committee on Social Welfare, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to health insurance.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Legacies and
successions, —
taxation.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for an additional legacy and succession tax (House, No. 241, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1414).

Apples, —
grading and
branding.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, on a part of the recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151), a Bill relative to the grading and branding of apples (House, No. 156).

Women and
minors, —
working
hours.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Social Welfare, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 141 and 403, and Senate, No. 131), a Bill relative to the working hours of women and children (House, No. 1415) [Mr. Wilson, of the Senate, and Messrs. Ferry of Northbridge and Lord of Athol, of the House, dissenting].

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Peat deposits,
— utilisation.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 666), a Resolve providing for a report by the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health on the expediency of utilizing the peat deposits in the Commonwealth. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Gas and
electric
companies.

Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed the Bill relative to gas and electric companies (House, No. 1352, amended); and this motion prevailed.

Pending the recurring question the same member moved that the bill be amended, in section 2 (as amended), by striking out at the end thereof the words "No authority granted hereunder shall extend beyond the period of eighteen months after the expiration of the present war."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

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Reports:

Of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioners), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 815) of Arthur L. Whittemore and another for the repeal of certain provisions of law relative to the grading and classification of milk;

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on the report of the Board of Education and the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons relative to the need and facilities for giving mental, manual, physical, military and other instruction to all prisoners in the jails and houses of correction in the several counties (House, No. 1255);

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 527) of Edward F. Harrington that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be given control of the Brightman Street bridge in the city of Fall River; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1136) of H. C. Merwin that horse-drawn vehicles in commercial use be marked so as to show the ownership thereof; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75) of Frank H. Allison and another for the improvement of a highway in the towns of Weston, Wayland, Natick and Framingham;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 76) of William G. Lord for the improvement of the highway from South Athol to North Dana through the towns of New Salem and Petersham;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 315) of Wilbur A. Wood relative to the improvement of the highway leading from Milford to Southborough through Hopkinton;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 457) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the improvement of a certain highway in the towns of Gardner and Winchendon;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 458) of Roland D. Sawyer that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to improve the highway between the towns of Ware and West Brookfield;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 633) of Peter I. Adams and another that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to continue the construction and improvement of a road in the town of New Marlborough; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 635) of Wilbur A. Wood that the Massachusetts Highway Commission

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the day.

be authorized to improve Fountain street in the town of Ashland;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the construction of a highway from the town of Blandford to the town of Great Barrington (House, No. 415);

Relative to the improvement of Lancaster street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 471);

To provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of the highway between the town of Holden and the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (House, No. 472); and

To provide for the construction and maintenance of a state highway in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 541);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in small towns (House, No. 371, amended) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 1401);

To provide for a local referendum on the question of permitting the operation of motor vehicles in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 1403);

Relative to the hours of employment of women and minors as operators of elevators (House, No. 1409); and

Relative to the holding of real estate by trust companies (Senate, No. 325);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the care of funds of patients in the institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases and to the disposal of interest accrued thereon (House, No. 1206) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Walpole to make an additional water loan (House, No. 1358) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood.

The Bill to authorize the town of Otis to refund certain indebtedness (printed as Senate, No. 302) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Gleason of Andover.

The Bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain persons in the public service and for their retention on the civil service list (House, No. 1373) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, that the bill be amended by the

substitution of a Bill to preserve the civil service standing of persons in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1411), was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

A Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 294, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

A Bill authorizing additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk (printed as House, No. 628) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the sale of coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood in paper sacks or bags (House, No. 1399), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize cities and towns to provide the common necessities of life and shelter during time of war, public exigency, emergency or distress (House, No. 1400) was read a second time.

Mr. Lord of Athol moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out, in line 1, the words "during time", and inserting in place thereof the words "after a proclamation by the governor that a state"; and by inserting in line 2, after the word "distress", the word "exists"; and

In section 2, by inserting in line 2, before the word "raise", the words ", with the approval of the governor and council,".

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "service.", in line 9, the words "All goods and necessities so sold or provided shall be paid for in cash at the time of delivery and all provisions for shelter shall be paid for in advance."

After debate the amendments moved by Mr. Lord were rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Collins was rejected, by a vote of 56 to 67; and the bill was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 80 to 27.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) of B. Preston Clark relative to extending state-aided vocational education during the period of the war, was considered.

Mr. Baldwin of Brockton moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 905) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by the Commonwealth be granted annual vacations of two weeks, was considered.

Mr. Driscoll of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to grant vacations to laborers, mechanics and others employed by the Commonwealth (House, No. 905).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the pensioning of scrubwomen in the employment of Suffolk county (House, No. 1044) was read a second time.

Mr. Crowley of Abington moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide pensions for certain scrubwomen in the employment of Suffolk county (House, No. 1416).

After debate the amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game to lease rights in great ponds for the artificial propagation of alewives (House, No. 1402) was read a second time.

Mr. Ballantyne of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 4, the words "a period of", and inserting in place thereof the words "periods of not more than ten"; by inserting in line 7, after the word "leases", the words "shall be"; and by adding at the end of the section the words "; provided that no great pond so leased shall be closed for such fishing as is now lawful".

After debate (Mr. Weston of Newton being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Dennis of Sandwich.

The amendments were then adopted, by a vote of 49 to 31; and the House refused, by a vote of 54 to 54, to order the bill, as amended, to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) was read a second time.

Mr. Whitman of Quincy moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Service, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule.

After debate the motion to recommit was adopted. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

The Bill relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1369) was read a third time.

Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 21, and inserting in place thereof the following: SECTION 21. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Cambridge on the ballot at the next state election in the form of the following question: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1918, relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge, be accepted?"

YES.	
NO.	

This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting thereon; otherwise, it shall not take effect.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then rejected, by a vote of 29 to 61; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on further motion of Mr. Hays.

The Bill to extend the civil service laws to the office of superintendent of public buildings in the city of Fall River (House, No. 900, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Harrington of Fall River moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Fall River on the ballot at the next state election in the form of the following question: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, to extend the civil service laws to the office of superintendent of public buildings in the city of Fall River, be accepted?"

YES.	
NO.	

This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting thereon; otherwise, it shall not take effect.

After debate the amendment was adopted, by a vote of 50 to 46.

The question was then put on ordering the bill, as amended, to a third reading; and the Chair declared the vote in the negative.

Mr. Wood of Fall River asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 127 members were present.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea then moved that the House adjourn; and this motion was negatived, by a vote of 1 to 68.

Mr. Wood then doubted the vote on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea raised the point of order that it was too late to doubt the vote, as other action (the motion to adjourn) had intervened. The Chair (Mr. Weston of Newton) declared the point of order not well taken.

On a return by divisions 66 members voted in the affirmative and 10 in the negative. Therefore the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions (House, No. 1410) was read a second time.

Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 3 the words " , but no gift made more than a year prior to the death of the donor shall be considered to have been made in contemplation of death."

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment the same member then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide for the publication of state papers of governors (printed as Senate, No. 280) was read a second time.

After debate, pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading (the Speaker having returned to the chair), Mr. Young of Spencer moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes past four o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, April 4, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition.

Boston, Quincy
and Fall River
Bicycle Rail-
way Company.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of E. Moody Boynton for an extension of the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway. The same member moved that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended; and these motions were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

County
tuberculosis
hospitals, —
maintenance.

A Bill to enable the trustees of county tuberculosis hospitals to provide for the care, maintenance and repair of said hospitals (Senate, No. 327) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 686), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Hampshire
county, —
clerical assist-
ance for
treasurer.

A Bill relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of the county of Hampshire (printed as House, No. 139) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Vinegar.

The House Bill relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof (House, No. 1338) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Pay of
employees, —
deductions
for tardiness.

The House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. Hobson, Perrin and Lawler had been appointed the committee on its part.

On motion of Mr. Collins of Edgartown the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment, and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference.

Monatiquot
river in
Braintree, —
completion of
bridge.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk that they may be authorized to complete the construction of a bridge over the Mon-

atiquot river in the town of Braintree, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Roads and Bridges; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 294) of Andrew P. Doyle for the abolition of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives and for the supervision and management of said hospitals by the State Department of Health.

Hospitals for consumptives, — supervision and management.

By Mr. Bray of Buckland, for the committee on Agriculture, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Animal Industry (House, No. 24) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 26, 27 and 28).

Commissioner of Animal Industry, — recommendations.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 87) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that cities and towns be permitted to provide homes for citizens.

Municipal homesteads for citizens.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 529) of John J. Murphy and others for the construction of homesteads in the city of Holyoke by the Homestead Commission.

Holyoke, — state homesteads.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Michael F. Malone that the city of Worcester be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens.

Worcester, — municipal homesteads.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 784) of Michael F. Malone relative to providing for the construction by the Homestead Commission of homesteads in the city of Worcester.

Worcester, — state homesteads.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 913) of Michael A. Flanagan and another that the city of Lawrence be authorized to provide homesteads for its citizens.

Lawrence, — municipal homesteads.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 914) of George Walker that the city of New Bedford be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens.

New Bedford, — municipal homesteads.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1140) of Charles H. Morrill that the Homestead Commission be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens of the city of Haverhill.

Haverhill, — state homesteads.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1053) of Martin Hays that the amount of income exempt from taxation be increased.

Income taxes, — further exemption.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 88)

Stock dividends, — tax exemption.

of Edwin T. McKnight that stock dividends shall not be treated as income for purposes of taxation.

Sales of rights
to subscribe
for stock, —
taxation.

By Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 930) of Robert Walcott and others that the proceeds of sales of rights to subscribe to certain stock shall not be taxable as income.

Telephone
and telegraph
companies, —
taxation of
dividends.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1145) of Roscoe A. Smith for taxation of dividends on shares of telephone and telegraph companies chartered outside the Commonwealth.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Unpaid taxes,
— interest.

By Mr. Allen of Norwood, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 273), a Bill relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417).

Templeton, —
election of
board of
assessors.

By Mr. Magee of Winthrop, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to validate the election of the board of assessors in the town of Templeton (printed as Senate, No. 319).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Homestead
Commission,
— enlarged
powers.

By Mr. Lord of Athol, for the committee on Social Welfare, on the recommendations of the following-named commission (House, No. 231), a Bill to enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens.

Stock divi-
dends, —
taxation.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition, a Bill to exempt stock dividends from taxation (House, No. 798).

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate;
To authorize the city of Brockton to pension Michael McMahon;

To authorize the town of Millis to construct a system of sewerage;

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension James W. Barry;

Authorizing the city of Lawrence to pay an annuity to the widow of John F. Young;

Authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appoint a state registrar of vital statistics;

To provide for the reinstatement of Dominick J. Harkins in the public works department of the city of Boston;

To include machinery in the property of telephone and telegraph companies the value of which shall be determined by the Tax Commissioner;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Somerville; and

To establish the two-platoon system in the fire department of the city of Holyoke;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of The Norwood Morris Plan Company (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 548) of Peter I. Adams that the sale of farm products on commission be regulated; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 351) of Cornelius Boothman that the appropriation for the construction of a state highway between the towns of Cummington and Adams be increased; and

Of the committee on Social Welfare, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to health insurance;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 499) of Etta C. Willard relative to permitting the playing of golf, tennis and baseball on the Lord's Day; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 345) of Charles H. Hartshorn relative to the employment on public works of certain prisoners;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the grading and branding of apples (House, No. 156); and

Relative to the working hours of women and children (House, No. 1415); and

The Resolve extending the term of the annuity payable to the widow of J. Walter Cropper (Senate, No. 326);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To permit the operation of motor vehicles in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 1403) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the hours of employment of women and minors as operators of elevators (House, No. 1409); and

Relative to pensions for certain scrubwomen in the employment of the county of Suffolk (House, No. 1416) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the publication of state papers of governors (printed as Senate, No. 280), being the unfinished business of the previous session, was considered further; and after debate the House refused, by a vote of 26 to 51, to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions (House, No. 1410) was considered; the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. This act shall apply to all gifts made in contemplation of death by persons who die on or after the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen."

After debate the amendment moved by Mr. Abbott was adopted; the amendment previously moved by Mr. Powers of Newton (that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 3 the words " , but no gift made more than a year prior to the death of the donor shall be considered to have been made in contemplation of death") was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the name of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force (House, No. 1389) was read a third time.

Mr. Spinney of Weymouth moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 9, the words "three thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-five hundred".

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then rejected, by a vote of 60 to 76; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1077) of Charles H. Morrill that Congress be requested to provide for the public ownership and operation of oil wells and oil-bearing lands, was considered.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of Resolutions in favor of national public ownership and operation of oil wells (House, No. 1077).

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for an additional legacy and succession tax (House, No. 1414) was read a second time.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "take effect

upon its passage but it shall"; and by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "subsequent to the passage hereof", and inserting in place thereof the words "on or after the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen".

After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the amendments were rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend the civil service laws to the office of superintendent of public buildings in the city of Fall River (House, No. 900, changed) was read a third time; and the House refused to pass it to be engrossed.

The Bill relative to the sale of coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood in small quantities (House, No. 1399) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Boothman of Adams moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 6.

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 1401) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 15, the words "but not more than three hundred dollars,".

After debate Mr. Smith of Provincetown asked for a count of the House to ascertain whether a quorum was present. A count showed that 92 members were present.

On motion of the same member the Sergeant-at-Arms was requested to secure the attendance of a quorum.

On the appearance of a quorum, and after further debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then adopted; and the House refused, by a vote of 17 to 56, to pass the bill, as amended, to be engrossed.

At twenty-one minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Meyers of Cambridge, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, by a vote of 77 to 7), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, April 5, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition.*Soldiers and
sailors, —
supplementary
listing and
registration.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston presented a petition of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the supplementary listing and registration of voters in the military or naval service of the United States. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Milk, — butter
fat contents.

Of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 226) of Gustaf L. Berg that provision be made for the sale of milk under a guaranty as to its butter fat contents; and

Law of the
road.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to the law of the road;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Interest
receipts, —
taxation as
income.

A Bill relative to the taxation as income of certain interest receipts (Senate, No. 330) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 134), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Mount
Tom State
Reservation
Commission,
— exchange of
land.

The House Bill to authorize an exchange of land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "determine", in line 6, the words "to be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth, in so far as the price shall consist of money"; and striking out, in line 21, the words "said commission", and inserting in place thereof the words "the commonwealth".

The amendments were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pay of em-
ployees, — de-
ductions for
tardiness.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Powers of Newton, Collins of Edgartown and Morrill of Haverhill the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099); and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 808) of Frederick Butler that the powers and duties of the Minimum Wage Commission be transferred to the State Board of Labor and Industries. Minimum Wage Commission, — abolition.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Walter C. Baxter for the repeal of the law establishing the Minimum Wage Commission [Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, of the House, dissenting]. Id.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for reimbursing the town of Rutland for money expended by the town for state paupers (House, No. 1173, changed) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the resolve. Rutland, — care of state paupers.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 242) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1419). Foreign corporations, — assessment of excise tax.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1406), a Bill in addition to an act to provide for promoting and stimulating the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 1418). Food products, — production and conservation.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the labor of prisoners on land used for agricultural or domestic purposes (printed as House, No. 346) ought to pass with amendments striking out, in line 7, in lines 16 and 17, and in the title, the words "or domestic". Prisoners, — labor on agricultural land.

By Mr. Bellows of Clarksburg, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No. 314, changed) ought to pass. First District Court of Northern Middlesex, — salary of justice.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the completion of certain authorized improvements in the metropolitan water works (Senate, No. 267) ought to pass. Metropolitan water works, — improvements.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the heirs of Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan (Senate, No. 282) ought to pass. Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salary of Charles W. Levi as Deputy Bank Commissioner (Senate, No. 306) ought to pass. Deputy Bank Commissioner, — salary.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill granting the consent of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Great Brewster and Middle Brewster

islands, —
cession to the
United States.

the acquisition by the United States of Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor (printed in House, No. 1242) ought to pass.

New Ashford,
— school
expenses.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the town of New Ashford (printed as House, No. 487) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Dog law, —
revision.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, on the report of a special commission (House, No. 25), a Bill to amend and supplement the law relating to dogs (House, No. 1420) [Mr. Bray of Buckland, of the House, dissenting].

Motor vehicle
number plates,
— parcel post.

By Mr. Pepin of Salem, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 911), a Bill to provide for sending motor vehicle number plates by parcel post.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Seashore, —
removal of
refuse.

Mr. Smith of Provincetown moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to pass to be engrossed the Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 1401, amended).

After debate the motion to reconsider was adopted.

Pending the recurring question the same member moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 4, the word "commonwealth", and inserting in place thereof the words "counties of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket".

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, second in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Animal Industry (House, No. 24) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 26, 27 and 28);

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 87) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor that cities and towns be permitted to provide homes for citizens;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 529) of John J. Murphy and others for the construction of homesteads in the city of Holyoke by the Homestead Commission;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Michael F. Malone that the city of Worcester be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 784) of Michael F. Malone relative to providing for the construction by the Homestead Commission of homesteads in the city of Worcester;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 913) of Michael A. Flanagan and another that the city of Lawrence be authorized to provide homesteads for its citizens;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 914) of George Walker that the city of New Bedford be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1140) of Charles H. Morrill that the Homestead Commission be authorized to provide homesteads for citizens of the city of Haverhill;

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 88) of Edwin T. McKnight that stock dividends shall not be treated as income for purposes of taxation; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1145) of Roscoe A. Smith for taxation of dividends on shares of telephone and telegraph companies chartered outside the Commonwealth; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 930) of Robert Walcott and others that the proceeds of sales of rights to subscribe to certain stock shall not be taxable as income; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1053) of Martin Hays that the amount of income exempt from taxation be increased;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof (House, No. 1338) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417); and

To validate the election of the board of assessors in the town of Templeton (printed as Senate, No. 319);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the grading and branding of apples (House, No. 156) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions (House, No. 1410, amended) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline.

The Resolve extending the term of the annuity payable to the widow of J. Walter Cropper (Senate, No. 326) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 294) of Andrew P. Doyle for the abolition of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives and for the supervision and management of said hospitals by the State Department of Health, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to enable the trustees of county tuberculosis hospitals to provide for the care, maintenance and repair of said hospitals (Senate, No. 327) was read a second time.

Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 1.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next, at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, April 8, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Death of Ex-Governor John Q. A. Brackett.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington offered the following order; and the same was unanimously adopted by a rising vote: —

Ordered, That the Senate and the House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deeply sensible of the loss which the Commonwealth has sustained in the passing of one of her most distinguished sons, desire to pay tribute to the life of John Quincy Adams Brackett, a former member of the House of Representatives, who during the sessions of 1885 and 1886 presided over the deliberations of that body with unusual dignity and ability. Following his election to the office of Lieutenant-Governor for three successive years, he was chosen the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth, in which office he served with marked distinction. His continued interest in and devotion to the welfare of the Commonwealth have been recently evidenced in his election to membership in the Constitutional Convention, in which body he has striven faithfully to perform his duties, despite infirmities of advancing years. He was a man of large heart and loving disposition, and a statesman who fully appreciated and sincerely strove to solve the problems of government with a liberality and breadth of vision in advance of his time.

Death of Ex-Governor John Q. A. Brackett.

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of the President and three other members of the Senate, and the Speaker and eight other members of the House, be appointed to represent the General Court at the funeral services; and that a copy hereof be transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the family of the deceased.

Sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently the Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Bitzer of Arlington, Rowley of Brookline, Benton of Belmont, Monk of Watertown, Kneeland of Winchester, Foley of Boston, McGrath of Boston and Mahoney of Boston as members of the committee.

Committee to attend the funeral services.

Reception of the Polish Military Mission.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held to-day at 2.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the members of the Polish Military Mission.

Joint convention to receive the Polish Military Mission.

At the appointed hour the Senate entered the Chamber, its President took the chair; and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hobson, Jackson and Lawler, of the Senate, and Messrs. Jewett of Lowell, Warner of

Taunton, Odlin of Lynn, Richards of Malden, Brunell of Webster, John L. Donovan of Boston, Sawyer of Ware and Cronin of Holyoke, of the House, was appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and upon the members of the Polish Military Mission, and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now in joint convention, and request the pleasure and the honor of their presence in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hobson, for the committee, soon reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that, in the absence of His Excellency, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, and the members of the Mission would attend upon the convention forthwith.

His Honor and the members of the Mission then came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

His Honor Calvin Coolidge, Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, and Major Jozef Kozlowski and Prince Lieutenant Stanislaus Poniatowski of the Polish Military Mission, were then presented to the Convention, and addressed the members.

After which His Honor and the other guests retired, and the convention was dissolved.

Order.

The consideration of the following order, offered by Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, was postponed until to-morrow, at the request of that member:—

Public Service
Commission, —
affairs of the
Bay State
Street Rail-
way Company.

Ordered, That the Public Service Commission is hereby requested to postpone any further investigation of the affairs of the Bay State Street Railway Company, pending action by the General Court on the matter before it pertaining to said company.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

District Police,
— reorgani-
zation.

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Louis S. Cox and other district attorneys relative to the reorganization of the District Police and the establishment of a state detective force; and

District Police,
— separation
of departments.

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the separation of the detective department and the boiler inspection department of the District Police;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Milk, —
classification
and grading.

A Bill relative to the classification and grading of milk (Senate, No. 138) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

John J. O'Neill,
— indemni-
fication.

A Bill to provide for indemnifying John J. O'Neil for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Hampden County

Training School (Senate, No. 328) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

A Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to provide an additional water supply for the towns of Watertown and Belmont (printed as House, No. 1324) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Watertown and Belmont, — additional water supply.

The House Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen (House, No. 465) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "district", in line 12, the words "and by striking out the words 'this act,' in the twenty-first and twenty-second lines, and substituting the words: — the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen and acts in amendment thereof, —"; and striking out, in line 36, the words "this act", and inserting in place thereof the words "the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen and acts in amendment thereof,".

Tax on incomes, — distribution.

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill to provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting after section 1 the following new section: "SECTION 2. No fee shall be paid for such examination, but the examining physician may be reimbursed for his reasonable travelling expenses."

Persons coming before the courts, — mental condition.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the engrossed Bill to extend the time for filing returns of taxable property by foreign corporations (see House, No. 1331) ought to pass [Messrs. McAllister of Lee and Foley of Boston dissenting].

Foreign corporations, — returns of taxable property.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of the same member; and the bill was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

By Mr. Conroy of Fall River, for the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the trustees of the New Bedford Textile School (House, No. 7).

New Bedford Textile School.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the trustees of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River (House, No. 292).

Bradford Durfee Textile School.

Lowell Textile
School.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the trustees of the Lowell Textile School (House, No. 1260).

Commission
on Mental
Diseases, —
recommendations.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, No. 217) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 218 to 221, inclusive).

Serial bonds,
— exchange for
sinking fund
bonds.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 147) of Alfred D. Chandler that the Commonwealth and municipalities be authorized to exchange serial bonds for outstanding sinking fund bonds.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Norfolk
county, —
salary of
second assistant
clerk of
courts.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of courts for the county of Norfolk (House, No. 629, changed) be referred to the next General Court.

Blind persons
in business, —
state aid.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to empower the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to give certain aid to blind persons in business (printed as Senate, No. 160, changed) be referred to the next General Court.

Salt water fish
hatchery.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the establishment of a salt water fish hatchery (printed in House, No. 324) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

Certain state
institutions,
— repairs and
improvements.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, on resolves providing for certain improvements at the Boston State Hospital, the Danvers State Hospital, the Foxborough State Hospital, the Gardner State Colony, the Grafton State Hospital, the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, the Medfield State Hospital, the Northampton State Hospital, the Taunton State Hospital, the Westborough State Hospital, the Worcester State Hospital and the Wrentham State School, a Resolve to provide for repairs and improvements at certain state institutions (House, No. 1424).

Brockton, —
interest on
securities.

By Mr. Bartlett of Brockton, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued by the city of Brockton (House, No. 1380).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Indigent
persons, —
support and
burial.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the support and burial of indigent persons ought to pass (House, No. 1421).

Indigent
soldiers and
their dependents, — burial.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers ought to pass (House, No. 1422).

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for a report by the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health on the expediency of utilizing the peat deposits in the Commonwealth ought to pass (House, No. 1423).

Peat deposits,—
utilisation.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate relative to the construction of a public comfort station (Senate, No. 264) ought to pass.

King's beach,—
public comfort
station.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell (Senate, No. 278, amended) ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Merrimack
river,—con-
struction of
fishways.

"SECTION 1. The board of commissioners on fisheries and game acting under the power and authority now vested in them by law in relation to fishways are hereby authorized, during the current year, to provide, re-establish or construct suitable and sufficient fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell.

SECTION 2. The damage and expense hereby incurred shall in accordance with the provisions of law and of this act be borne by the owners of the dams located at said points on said river: *provided, however*, that the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the owners of said dams whereby such portion, if any, of such damage or expense, as may to the said commissioners seem just and equitable, shall be assumed and paid by the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. Said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend from the treasury of the commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars in addition to any sum that may be contributed for said purpose by any individual, association or municipality. All receipts and expenditures made hereunder shall be set forth in the succeeding annual report of said commissioners.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act contained and no action of the commissioners hereunder shall be construed in any way as a waiver or release on the part of the commonwealth of its right to compel the owners of said dams to construct and maintain said fishways, nor shall anything in this act contained, nor any action of the commissioners hereunder be so construed as to impair the legal rights or remedies of any person or corporation.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reconsideration.

There being no objection, Mr. Lyman of Easthampton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on Wednesday, April 3, concurred with the Senate in its amendment of the House Bill to provide for the improvement and repair of highways in small towns (House, No. 371, amended in section 1, inserting

Highways in
small towns,—
improvement
and repair.

after the word "amounts", in line 11, the words "for every mile improved as aforesaid by the commonwealth"); and this motion prevailed.

On the recurring question the House concurred in the amendment, with an amendment, on further motion of Mr. Lyman, striking out the words inserted by the Senate, and inserting in place thereof the words "for each and every mile of said public ways within their respective limits".

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the soliciting of money for political purposes from public employees;

To provide for the temporary care of persons suffering from mental diseases who are in the military and naval service of the United States;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston; and

Authorizing additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the purchase of land adjoining the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

Reports of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 808) of Frederick Butler that the powers and duties of the Minimum Wage Commission be transferred to the State Board of Labor and Industries; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Walter C. Baxter for the repeal of the law establishing the Minimum Wage Commission;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioner), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 226) of Gustaf L. Berg that provision be made for the sale of milk under a guaranty as to its butter fat contents; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Endicott P. Saltonstall relative to the law of the road;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for reimbursing the town of Rutland for money expended by the town for state paupers (House, No. 1173, changed) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No. 314, changed);

Granting the consent of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the acquisition by the United States of Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor (printed in House, No. 1242);

In addition to an act to provide for promoting and stimulating the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 1418);

Relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419);

To provide for the completion of certain authorized improvements in the metropolitan water works (Senate, No. 267); and

Relative to the taxation as income of certain interest receipts (Senate, No. 330); and

Resolves:

In favor of the heirs of Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan (Senate, No. 282); and

In favor of the town of New Ashford (printed as House, No. 487);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to validate the election of the board of assessors in the town of Templeton (printed as Senate, No. 319) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to enable the trustees of county tuberculosis hospitals to provide for the care, maintenance and repair of said hospitals (Senate, No. 327, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 294) of Andrew P. Doyle for the abolition of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives and for the supervision and management of said hospitals by the State Department of Health, was considered.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to abolish the Board of Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives and to transfer its powers and duties to the State Department of Health (House, No. 294).

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The amendment was then rejected; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salary of Charles W. Levi as Deputy Bank Commissioner (Senate, No. 306) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the labor of prisoners on land used for agricultural or domestic purposes (printed as House, No. 346) was read a second time.

After debate the amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House (striking out, in line 7, in lines 16 and 17, and in the title, the words "or domestic") were rejected, by a vote of 23 to 29; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed Mr. Allen of Norwood moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next; and this motion prevailed.

At twenty minutes after four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Baker of Marlborough, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, April 9, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Bliss of Malden had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Bliss took the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Lane of Beverly, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be authorized to visit, in the discharge of their duties, the State Camp Ground at Framingham on or before April 23.

Committee on
Military Affairs,
— travel.

The following order, offered by Mr. Quigley of Chelsea, the consideration of which was postponed from the preceding session, was considered: —

Ordered, That the Public Service Commission is hereby requested to postpone any further investigation of the affairs of the Bay State Street Railway Company, pending action by the General Court on the matter before it pertaining to said company.

Public Service
Commission, —
Bay State
Street Rail-
way Company.

Mr. Quigley moved that the further consideration of the order be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The same member then moved that the further consideration of the order be postponed until Friday next.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the question was put on the adoption of the order; and 40 members voted in the affirmative and 73 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Quigley; and on the roll call 85 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, George C. F.
Arnold, Seth F.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bates, Russell T.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Bentley, James D.

Messrs. Bossette, Alfred M.
Bower, Arthur
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.

Messrs. Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.

Messrs. McDonnell, William H.
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.

Messrs. Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.

Messrs. Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 McAllister, John H.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Penshorn, George
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis

Messrs. Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

85 yeas; 123 nays.

PAIRS.

The following pairs were announced: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Foley, William J.
 McGrath, Joseph
 Mahoney, John P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Wasserman, Jacob *
 Donovan, John L. *
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J. *

* Present.

[The special committee appointed to attend the funeral services of ex-Governor Brackett were absent on that duty.]

Therefore the order was rejected.

Petition.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett presented a petition of Fred P. Greenwood for legislation to prevent idleness on the part of able-bodied male citizens. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Able-bodied
 male citizens,
 — useful
 occupation.

Papers from the Senate.

The House order relative to the death of John Quincy Adams Brackett, and providing for a joint special committee to attend the funeral services, came down adopted, in concurrence, and with the endorsement that Messrs. McKnight, Churchill and

Death of
 Ex-Governor
 John Q. A.
 Brackett.

Russell had been appointed to serve, with the President, as the committee, on the part of the Senate.

New England
Fish Exchange,
— assessments
for developing
the fish
industry.

A partial report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, submitting certain findings (Senate, No. 338) and recommending the adoption of an order, came down with the endorsement that the order had been adopted, as follows:—

Ordered, That a copy of this report be transmitted to the Attorney-General and that the Attorney-General be requested, unless immediate action is taken by the New England Fish Exchange to discontinue the assessments levied for the alleged purpose of developing the fish industry, to ascertain what action may be taken on the part of the Commonwealth in the premises to secure a permanent discontinuance of the said assessments.

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the order be considered forthwith, under a suspension of the rule; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The order was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cohasset
Narrows, —
reconstruction
of a bridge.

The House Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne (House, No. 1364) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 4, inserting after the word "when", in line 9, the words "the land is entered upon and possession is taken, in case of the taking of land, and in case of injury to land, within one year after".

Women, —
special police
officers.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of women as special police officers (House, No. 1391) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out all after the word "watchmen", in line 20.

Delinquent
foreign corpora-
tions, —
liability of
officers.

The House Bill relative to the liability of officers of delinquent foreign corporations (House, No. 1393) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Marlborough
fire department,
— promotion
of call men.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John H. Baker relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1425) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
supplementary
listing and
registration.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the supplementary listing and registration of voters in the military or naval service of the United States. Read; and considered under a suspension of the

rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1426) was referred to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended on the petition of E. Moody Boynton for an extension of the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th and 9th joint rules were severally suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1427) was referred to the committee on Street Railways, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Boston, Quincy
and Fall River
Bicycle Rail-
way Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 318) of Arthur S. Jones and another that the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company be reimbursed for the loss of certain horses used by the National Guard. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Cavanaugh
Brothers Horse
Company, —
reimburse-
ment.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 331) of William H. Shuart, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and others that the Massachusetts Highway Commission be authorized to keep certain highways passable for motor vehicles during the winter months. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence, and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

State highways,
— passable for
motor vehicles
in winter.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Jacob Wasserman relative to privileges on the Lord's Day of persons who refrain from secular business and labor during another period of the week. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Lord's Day,
— persons
observing other
periods.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Lawrence F. Quigley that the compensation of the members of the General Court be increased [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston dissenting]. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion

General
Court, —
compensation
of members.

of Mr. Smith of Boston. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Methuen Water
Company, —
water supplies.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should not concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th and 9th joint rules on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 303) of Charles W. Mann that the Methuen Water Company be authorized to acquire certain water supplies. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston. The House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Street railway
commission, —
supervision of
street railway
companies.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of Martin Hays for the appointment of a street railway commission to assume the powers and duties of the Public Service Commission in respect to street railway companies.

Milk and
cream, —
standard-
ization.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Arthur L. Whittemore and others that the standardization of milk and cream be permitted [Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, of the House, of the committee on Public Health, dissenting].

Acts and
resolves, —
printing and
distribution.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1086) of J. Weston Allen relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court [Mr. MacPherson, of the Senate, dissenting].

Governor's
address, —
State Guard;
Adjutant-
General, —
recom-
mendations.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, No. 195) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 196 and 197).

Rutland, —
acquisition of
settlement.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 891) of the board of health of the town of Rutland relative to the acquisition of settlement in said town.

Hospitals for
consumptives,
— number of
beds.

By Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 892) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to the number of beds in hospitals for consumptives in certain cities and towns.

Rutland State
Sanatorium, —
fireproof vault.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a fireproof vault at the Rutland State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 78).

Rutland State
Sanatorium, —
pavilion for
employees.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as re-

lates to the construction of a pavilion for employees at the Rutland State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 79).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House should concur with the Senate in its amendments of the House Bill to authorize an exchange of land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Mount Tom
State Reser-
vation Com-
mission, —
exchange of
land.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the salaries of clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts and of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 894) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: An Act relative to the salaries of the clerks of the first and second district courts of Barnstable (House, No. 1429).

First and
second district
courts of
Barnstable, —
salaries of
clerks.

By Mr. Wilson of South Hadley, for the committee on Agriculture, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 295 and 296), a Bill designating the mayflower as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth (House, No. 295).

Mayflower,
— state floral
emblem.

By Mr. Higgins of Taunton, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to increase the pension of John Flynn (House, No. 1377, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Brockton, —
pensioning of
John Flynn.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to dissolve the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc. (House, No. 1379).

Boston
Sunday
Evangelistic
Committee.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1357), a Bill to authorize the town of Marshfield to invest in Liberty Loan bonds of the United States government (House, No. 1430) [Mr. Sanford, of the Senate, and Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, of the House, dissenting].

Marshfield, —
investment in
Liberty Loan
bonds.

By Mr. Jordan of Lawrence, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1397), a Bill relative to the rate of interest on securities to be issued by the town of Framingham for school purposes (House, No. 1428).

Framingham,
— interest on
securities.

By Mr. Nourse of Saugus, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to ascertain the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield as to making the town a city (House, No. 1382).

Wakefield, —
referendum on
making the
town a city.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1305), a Resolve providing for a physical examination of the heating and power plants at state institutions (House, No. 1431).

State insti-
tutions, —
heating and
power plants.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Special recess
commission, —
investigation
of educational
systems.

By Mr. Hull of Leominster, for the committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to continuation schools, on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 163 and 166), and on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 562, 563, 564, and 834), a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1432). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules.

William C.
Jones of
Swampscott.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 341), a Resolve in favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott [Messrs. Ernest W. Allen of Lynn and Pierce of Greenfield, of the House, dissenting].

Prison Camp
and Hospital,
— house for
deputy super-
intendent.

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Resolve providing for the erection and equipment of a house for the deputy superintendent of the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 87).

Rutland State
Sanatorium, —
prison labor.

By Mr. Orr of Pittsfield, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the use of prison labor at the Rutland State Sanatorium (House, No. 76).

Industrial
School for
Boys, — new
cottage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, Nos. 223 and 225), a Resolve providing for the foundation of a new cottage at the Industrial School for Boys.

Rutland State
Sanatorium, —
new building.

By Mr. Edward J. Cox of Boston, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for building and equipping new kitchen, service and storehouse building at the Rutland State Sanatorium (House, No. 77, changed by striking out, in line 5, the word "seventy-three", and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty-five").

Wakefield and
Saugus, —
highway
improvement.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to improve certain roads in the towns of Wakefield and Saugus (House, No. 470) ought to pass.

Holland and
Brimfield, —
highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the construction and improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Holland and Brimfield (House, No. 543) ought to pass.

Lunenburg,
— highway
improvement.

By Mr. Moulton of Rutland, for the same committee, that the Bill (taken from the files of last year) to provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the town of Lunenburg (House, No. 542) ought to pass.

Hubbardston
and Rutland,
— highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the further improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Hubbardston and Rutland (House, No. 781).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 528), a Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster. Leominster, — improvement of Prospect street.

By Mr. Nelson of Worcester, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the construction by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a state highway in the town of Auburn (House, No. 910). Auburn, — highway improvement.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the town of Walpole to make an additional water loan; Bills enacted.

Relative to the standard of cider vinegar and to the sale thereof; and

To change the name of the United Druggists Mutual Fire Insurance Company to United Mutual Fire Insurance Company; (Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate;

An engrossed Resolve extending the term of the annuity payable to the widow of J. Walter Cropper (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary:

On the annual report of the trustees of the New Bedford Textile School (House, No. 7); Orders of the day.

On the annual report of the trustees of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River (House, No. 292); and

On the annual report of the trustees of the Lowell Textile School (House, No. 1260);

Of the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, No. 217) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 218 to 221, inclusive); and

Of the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 147) of Alfred D. Chandler that the Commonwealth and municipalities be authorized to exchange serial bonds for outstanding sinking fund bonds;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 420) of Louis S. Cox and other district attorneys relative to the reorganization of the District Police and the establishment of a state detective force; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the separation of the detective department and the boiler inspection department of the District Police;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of courts for the county of Norfolk (House, No. 629, changed) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The Bill to empower the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to give certain aid to blind persons in business (printed as Senate, No. 160, changed); and

The Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the establishment of a salt water fish hatchery (printed in House, No. 324);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1026) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the support and burial of indigent persons (House, No. 1421);

Relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers (House, No. 1422); and

Relative to the classification and grading of milk (Senate, No. 138); and

Resolves:

Providing for a report by the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health on the expediency of utilizing the peat deposits in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1423); and

To provide for repairs and improvements at certain state institutions (House, No. 1424);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No. 314, changed);

Granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor (printed in House, No. 1242) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To make further provision for stimulating the production and conservation of food products (House, No. 1418) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the completion of certain authorized improvements in the metropolitan water works (Senate, No. 267);

To establish the salary of Charles W. Levi as Deputy Bank Commissioner (Senate, No. 306); and

Relative to the labor of prisoners on land used for agricultural or domestic purposes (printed as House, No. 346); and

The Resolve in favor of the heirs of Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan (Senate, No. 282);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the taxation as income of certain interest receipts (Senate, No. 330) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "upon", in line 2, the words "the pawn or pledge of".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Resolve in favor of the town of New Ashford (printed as House, No. 487) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) of B. Preston Clark relative to extending state-aided vocational education during the period of the war, was considered.

Mr. Baldwin of Brockton moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill to extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war (House, No. 1231).

After debate the amendment was adopted. The bill was then read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to prohibit the deposit and provide for the removal of refuse and decaying matter on the seashore (House, No. 1401, amended) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Frothingham of Lynn moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Health, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and this motion was negatived.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Smith of Provincetown was then adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 60 to 26. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the hours of employment of women and children (House, No. 1415) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Social Welfare, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

The Bill relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued by the city of Brockton (House, No. 1380) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell (Senate, No. 278, amended) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted.

After debate on the main question the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve directing the Metropolitan Park Commission to investigate relative to the construction of a public comfort station (Senate, No. 264) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 65 to 27.

At four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Gould of Milford (the Speaker having taken the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Warner of Taunton had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Warner took the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition.

Mr. Quinn of Sharon presented a petition of Timothy F. Quinn that the town of Sharon be authorized to invest certain money in Liberty Loan bonds of the United States government. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Sharon, —
investment
in Liberty
Loan bonds.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, April 17th, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, Counties, Education, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, Public Health, Public Institutions, Public Lighting, Roads and Bridges, Social Welfare, Street Railways, Taxation and Towns.

Certain joint
committees, —
extension of
time for
reports.

Reports:

Of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1045) of Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of old-age, health, maternity and other forms of social insurance [Messrs. Crowley of Abington and Corrigan of Natick, of the House, dissenting]; and

Social
insurance.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1047) of Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of a system of non-contributory old-age pensions [Messrs. Crowley of Abington and Corrigan of Natick, of the House, dissenting];

Old-age
pensions.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

The House Bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to

Commissioner
of State Aid
and Pensions,

— salaries,
clerk and
agents.

provide for an additional clerk and temporary agents (House, No. 1388, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Fore River
Shipbuilding
Corporation,
— sale of its
railroad.

The House Bill authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any domestic railroad corporation (printed as Senate, No. 129, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "general", in line 12, the words "and special"; and inserting after the word "force", in line 13, the words "applicable to such railroad corporation".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted:—

Committee on
Military Affairs,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be authorized to visit, in the discharge of their duties, the State Camp Ground at Framingham on or before April 23.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Norfolk
county, —
bridge over the
Monatiquot
river in
Braintree.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk that they may be authorized to complete the construction of a bridge over the Monatiquot river in the town of Braintree. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the suspension of the 12th joint rule, in concurrence.

Market garden
field station
at Lexington.

By Mr. Granger of Agawam, for the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (House, No. 158) as relates to the market garden field station at Lexington (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 160).

Milk, —
classification.

By Mr. Bray of Buckland, for the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 944) of L. F. Harwood that an error in the law relative to the classification of milk be corrected.

Trustees of
Massachusetts
Training
Schools, —
recommendations.

By Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, for the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 223) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 224, 225 and 226).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill to regulate the distribution of public documents (House, No. 1433).

Public documents, — distribution.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), and on a special report (taken from the files of last year) of the Commission on Economy and Efficiency (House, No. 2175 of 1916), a Bill to create administrative control of the publication of annual reports of state officials and departments (House, No. 1434).

Annual reports, — control of publication.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to provide for indemnifying John J. O'Neil for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Hampden County Training School (Senate, No. 328) ought to pass.

John J. O'Neil of Holyoke.

By Mr. Bellows of Clarksburg, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of the county of Hampshire (printed as House, No. 139) ought to pass.

Hampshire county treasurer, — clerical assistance.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Recess.

At twelve minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Mr. Orlando Allen Somers of Indiana, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who addressed the House.

Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of Martin Hays for the appointment of a street railway commission to assume the powers and duties of the Public Service Commission in respect to street railway companies;

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, No. 195) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 196 and 197);

Of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 891) of the board of health of the town of Rutland relative to the acquisition of settlement in said town; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 892) of Raymond B. Fletcher relative to the number of beds in hospitals for consumptives in certain cities and towns; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court: On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a fireproof vault at the Rutland State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 78); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction of a pavilion for employees at the Rutland State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 79);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The following order (recommended in a partial report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry, — Senate, No. 338) was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That a copy of this report be transmitted to the Attorney-General and that the Attorney-General be requested, unless immediate action is taken by the New England Fish Exchange to discontinue the assessments levied for the alleged purpose of developing the fish industry, to ascertain what action may be taken on the part of the Commonwealth in the premises to secure a permanent discontinuance of the said assessments.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to authorize an exchange of land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission (House, No. 1326) were adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne (House, No. 1364) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the appointment of women as special police officers (House, No. 1391) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the liability of officers of delinquent foreign corporations (House, No. 1393) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Brockton to increase the pension of John Flynn (House, No. 1377, changed);

To dissolve the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc. (House, No. 1379);

To ascertain the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield as to making the town a city (House, No. 1382);

Relative to the rate of interest on securities to be issued by the town of Framingham for school purposes (House, No. 1428);

Relative to the salaries of the clerks of the first and second district courts of Barnstable (House, No. 1429); and

To authorize the town of Marshfield to invest in Liberty Loan bonds of the United States government (House, No. 1430); and

The Resolve providing for a physical examination of the heating and power plants at state institutions (House, No. 1431);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued by the city of Brockton (House, No. 1380);

Relative to the support and burial of indigent persons (House, No. 1421); and

Relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers (House, No. 1422); and

Resolves:

Providing for a report by the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health on the expediency of utilizing the peat deposits in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1423); and

To provide for repairs and improvements at certain state institutions (House, No. 1424);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the classification and grading of milk (Senate, No. 138) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell (Senate, No. 278, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House, which, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was as follows:—

Striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners on fisheries and game acting under the powers now vested in them by law in relation to fishways are hereby authorized, during the current year, to provide, re-establish or construct suitable and sufficient fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell.

SECTION 2. The damage and expense incurred hereunder shall, in accordance with the provisions of law and of this act, be borne by the owners of the dams located at said points on said river; but the said commissioners are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the owners of said dams whereby such portion, if any, of the said damage or expense as the commissioners may deem equitable, shall be assumed and paid by the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. Said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend from the treasury of the commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars in addition to any sum that may be contributed for said purpose by any individual, association or municipality. All receipts and expenditures made hereunder shall be set forth in the succeeding annual report of said commissioners.

SECTION 4. Nothing contained in this act and no action of the commissioners hereunder shall be construed as a waiver or release on the part of the commonwealth of its right to compel the owners of said dams to construct and maintain said fishways, nor shall anything in this act, nor any action of the commissioners hereunder, be so construed as to impair the legal rights or remedies of any person or corporation.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Bill relative to the holding of real estate by trust companies (Senate, No. 325) was read a third time.

Mr. Merriam of Framingham moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of the Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249, changed by inserting after the word "Company", in line 1, and in the title, the words "of Brookline").

After debate the amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Arthur L. Whittemore and others that the standardization of milk and cream be permitted, was considered; and after debate it was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1086) of J. Weston Allen relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court, was considered.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court (House, No. 1086).

The same member moved that the amendment be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 102, the word "five", and inserting in place thereof the word "nine"; and by striking out, in line 107, the word "five", and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty".

After debate (the Speaker having taken the chair) Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the amendment be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 18, 19 and 20, the words "the governor's address and messages to the general court at that session".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth.

The amendments were then severally adopted. The bill was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill designating the mayflower as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth (House, No. 295) was read a second time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 1, the words "mayflower (*epigæa repens*)", and inserting in place thereof the word "lilac".

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sawyer then moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court; and this motion was negatived.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve relative to the construction by the Metropolitan Park Commission of a public comfort station at King's beach (Senate, No. 264) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the resolve be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after further debate, was adopted, by a vote of 58 to 36.

At twenty-seven minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wharton of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, April 11, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Tax Commissioner.
Reports of assessors.

Annual report of the Tax Commissioner (Pub. Doc. No. 16).

Annual compilation of the Tax Commissioner of the reports of assessors of property assessed in December (Part II of Pub. Doc. No. 19).

Gardner State Colony.

Fifteenth annual report of the trustees of the Gardner State Colony (Pub. Doc. No. 70).

State Forester.

Fourteenth annual report of the State Forester (Pub. Doc. No. 73).

Supervisor of Loan Agencies.

Seventh annual report of the Supervisor of Loan Agencies (Pub. Doc. No. 95).

Papers from the Senate.

Small towns,
— high school education.

A Bill relative to high school education in towns of less than five hundred families and to state aid therefor (Senate, No. 337) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 141), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Suffolk county,
— clerical service for register of probate.

The House Bill to provide for clerical service for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 1353, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2 (inserted by the House), and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. So much of section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Laws as provides for an allowance from the treasury of the commonwealth to the register of probate of the county of Suffolk, and chapter three hundred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight are hereby repealed."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Whitman of Quincy; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Town laws,
— codification.

The engrossed Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns (see House, No. 1367) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by striking out, in line 8 (as printed), the words "third Wednesday of

April", and inserting in place thereof the words "first Wednesday of May".

On motion of Mr. Prescott of Grafton, there being no objection, the vote by which the resolve had been passed was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Notice was received that the following House bills had severally been rejected by the Senate: —

Bill relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1332);

Bill to increase the compensation and mileage of jurors (House, No. 1368);

Bill relative to the prescribing and compounding of drugs for the cure or alleviation of venereal diseases (House, No. 1385, amended); and

Bill relative to the taxation of legacies and successions (House, No. 1410, amended).

Also that the engrossed Bill to authorize the town of Lynnfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (see House, No. 1276), having been returned by the Governor at the request of the Senate, and its enactment having been reconsidered, had been rejected by the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Timothy F. Quinn that the town of Sharon be authorized to invest certain money in Liberty Loan bonds of the United States government. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1439) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Orr of Pittsfield, for the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Magee of Winthrop, for the committee on Towns, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1381), a Bill authorizing cities and towns to fill by temporary appointment the places of municipal officers engaged in military or naval service (House, No. 1435).

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the final report of the joint special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill to regulate the dis-

Domestic
business cor-
porations.

Jurors, —
compensation
and mileage.

Venereal
diseases, —
drugs.

Legacies and
successions, —
taxation.

Lynnfield, —
water supply.

Sharon, —
investment
in Liberty
Loan bonds.

Inmates of
penal insti-
tutions, —
examination.

Municipal
officers in
military or
naval service,
— filling tem-
porary vac-
ancies.

Case books
and technical
reports, —
distribution.

tribution of case books and technical reports published at the public expense (House, No. 1436).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Suffolk county,
— salary of
chief deputy
sheriff.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to establish the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk (House, No. 519) ought to pass with amendments, in section 1, striking out, in lines 6 and 17, the word "twenty-five", and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "twenty-three"; and in section 2, striking out, in line 1, the word "passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "approval by the mayor and city council of Boston."

Boston
municipal
court, —
salary of
messenger.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 767, changed) ought to pass with an amendment, in section 1, striking out, in lines 2 and 3 (as changed), the words "two thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "nineteen hundred".

Boston
municipal
court, —
salaries of
court officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 1390) ought to pass with amendments, in section 1, striking out, in line 3, the words "two thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "nineteen hundred"; and striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words "Said officers shall, at their own expense, provide uniforms such as the court may order."

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Business cor-
porations, —
excise tax.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of the report of the joint special recess committee on taxation matters (Senate, No. 28), a Bill imposing an excise tax upon business corporations (House, No. 1438). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Bills
enacted.

To authorize the town of Otis to refund certain indebtedness;
Relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston;

To provide for the improvement and repair of highways in small towns;

Relative to the custody of prisoners removed to county industrial farms;

To authorize the city of Somerville to retire and pension Charles C. Folsom;

Relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen;

To provide for emergency connections between gas and electric companies as a means of conservation;

To preserve the civil service standing of persons in the military or naval service of the United States;

To provide for ascertaining the mental condition of persons coming before the courts of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the taxation as income of certain interest receipts;

To establish the salary of Charles W. Levi as Deputy Bank Commissioner;

Relative to the labor of prisoners on land used for agricultural or domestic purposes; and

To provide for the completion of certain authorized improvements in the metropolitan water works;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Mary A. Kelly of Westborough;

Providing for reimbursing the town of Clarksburg for money expended in the care of a tubercular patient;

(Which severally originated in the House);

In favor of the town of New Ashford; and

In favor of the heirs of Gustave Gammett and Lena B. Toppan;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 944) of L. F. Harwood that an error in the law relative to the classification of milk be corrected; and

Of the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 223) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 224, 225 and 226);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for an additional clerk and temporary agents (House, No. 1388, amended) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any domestic railroad corporation (printed as Senate, No. 129, amended) were adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To regulate the distribution of public documents (House, No. 1433);

To create administrative control of the publication of annual reports of state officials and departments (House, No. 1434);

Orders of
the day.

To provide for indemnifying John J. O'Neil for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Hampden County Training School (Senate, No. 328); and

Relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of the county of Hampshire (printed as House, No. 139);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Designating the mayflower as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth (House, No. 295);

To authorize the city of Brockton to increase the pension of John Flynn (House, No. 1377, changed);

To dissolve the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc. (House, No. 1379);

To ascertain the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield as to making the town a city (House, No. 1382); and

Relative to the rate of interest on securities to be issued by the town of Framingham for school purposes (House, No. 1428); and

The Resolve providing for an examination of the heating and power plants at state institutions (House, No. 1431) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Marshfield to invest in Liberty Loan bonds of the United States government (House, No. 1430) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Haynes of Scituate.

The Bill to provide for an additional legacy and succession tax (House, No. 1414) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “, or given or conveyed in contemplation of,”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the salaries of the clerks of the first and second district courts of Barnstable (House, No. 1429) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the salaries of clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts and of the Boston Juvenile Court (House, No. 1437).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1045) of

Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of old-age, health, maternity and other forms of social insurance, was considered.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after the disposition of the succeeding matter in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

Subsequently the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Social Welfare, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1047) of Wendell Phillips Thoré for the establishment of a system of non-contributory old-age pensions, was considered.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the establishment of a system of non-contributory old-age pensions (House, No. 1047).

The same member moved that the amendment be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: —

SECTION 11. This act shall be referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls, and shall be voted on at the next annual state election, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be referred in the form of the following question to be placed upon the official ballot: Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, entitled "An Act relative to the establishment of non-contributory old-age pensions to protect worthy aged citizens, women and men, from want in old age", be approved and become law?

YES.	
NO.	

Mr. Odlin then moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Gleason of Andover.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment of the proposed substitute the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Odlin; and on the roll call 68 members voted in the affirmative and 145 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Baker, John H.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Brunell, George J.
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.

Messrs. Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Granfield, William J.
Green, Thomas H.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Holland, William J.
Howland, Edgar F.
Jordan, Michael H.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.

Messrs. Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.

Messrs. Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Worrall, George M.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, Russell T.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Bunting, George
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.

Messrs. Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.

Messrs. Moulton, J. Warren
 Mulveny, Frank
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.

Messrs. Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

68 yeas; 145 nays.

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

[Previous to the calling of the roll Mr. Gleason of Andover made application for permission to be excused from voting, for the reason that he is a member of the committee on Social Insurance of the Constitutional Convention which has the matter under consideration. The request was refused.]

On the question on the substitution of the bill (House, No. 1047) the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Odlin; and on the roll call 68 members voted in the affirmative and 140 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Baker, John H.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.

Messrs. Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKinney, Francis B.

Messrs. McLaughlin, Henry J.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Meyers, Julius
Morrill, Charles H.
Moynihan, James J.
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
O'Connor, Charles S.

Messrs. O'Connor, John D.
Odlin, James E.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Walker, George
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonson, Carlton W.

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Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baldwin, William B.
Ballantyne, John
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bates, Russell T.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bowser, Eden K.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Browne, Arthur S.
Butler, Frederick
Carrick, George H.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Claus, Frederic F.
Collins, Benjamin G.
Cooke, Harry A.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corey, Edwin S.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Dennis, George F.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Emery, Carl C.
Ferry, James R.
Foster, William
French, William P.
Frothingham, Charles B.

Messrs. Furness, Howard F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gould, Charles W.
Granger, Clarence H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Hamilton, John O.
Harriman, Rowland P.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Haskins, William M.
Haynes, Walter
Hays, Martin
Higgins, Matthew A.
Hirsch, John A.
Hudson, John R.
Hull, John C.
Jewett, Victor Francis
Johnson, John G.
Johnson, William L.
Jones, Arthur W.
Jones, Benjamin O.
Kelley, David L.
Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
Kent, Robert T.
Kiernan, James F.
Kneeland, William A.
Larocque, Ernest A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Lord, William G.
Lyman, Frank E.
Maloney, David J.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Marsh, George S.
Mellen, Walter L.
Merriam, Bernard F.
Monk, Wesley E.
Moran, James G.
Morrison, James
Morse, George D.
Moulton, J. Warren
Mulveny, Frank
Nelson, Christian
Nelson, Oscar H.
Newhall, Arthur N.
Nichols, Frederic C.
Nourse, George L.
Nutting, Edward H.
Ollendorff, William W.
Orr, John Glenn
Osborne, John N.
Packard, Walter T.
Paine, Arthur W.
Penshorn, George
Pepin, Chauncey

Messrs. Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.

Messrs. Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

68 yeas; 140 nays.

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Lord of Athol moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "payment", in line 16, the words ", or a longer period, not exceeding thirty days, during which taxes may be paid without interest,"; and by inserting after the word "payable", in line 18, the words ", or after such longer time, not exceeding thirty days, as is fixed by any city, town or district which has fixed an earlier date".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (House, No. 158) as relates to the market garden field station at Lexington (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 160), was considered.

Mr. Granger of Agawam moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Resolve providing for certain improvements at and the maintenance of the market garden field station at Lexington, which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the resolve was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk that they may be authorized to complete the construction of a bridge over the Monatiquot river in the town of Braintree, was considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule.

After debate the rule was suspended, in concurrence, by a vote of 79 to 19; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

At six minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Snow of Westfield, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, April 12, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition.

Revere, —
compensation
of reserve police
officers.

Mr. Butterworth of Revere presented a petition of Ralph N. Butterworth and another relative to the compensation of reserve police officers in the city of Revere. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

Prison Camp
and Hospital,
— cow tie-up.

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of a cow tie-up at the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 88);

Prison Camp
and Hospital,
— office building
and vault.

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of an office building and vault at the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 89);

Prison Camp
and Hospital,
— coal dump.

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of a coal dump for the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 90);

Feeble-minded
persons, —
further su-
pervision.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons; and

Union Freight
Railway in
Boston, —
electrification.

Of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1296) of Edward A. Scigliano for the electrification of the Union Freight Railway in the city of Boston;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Domestic
animals, —
contagious
diseases.

A Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394) (new draft of House bill No. 1405), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Town of Savoy,
— support of
schools.

A Resolve in favor of the town of Savoy (Senate, No. 308) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate,

was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1408) of Alvin E. Bliss relative to defining the date of payment of compensation to members of the General Court, came down with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred in the suspension of the 12th joint rule, and that the petition had been referred, in non-concurrence, to the joint committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden the House receded from its reference to the joint committee on Ways and Means; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Southworth of New Bedford, for the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1398) of Francis Prescott for amendments of the law relative to the construction by counties of hospitals for tuberculous patients [Messrs. Dean of Worcester, Orr of Pittsfield and Edward J. Cox of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Counties, — hospitals for tuberculous patients.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction at the North Reading State Sanatorium of buildings to accommodate the superintendent, medical staff, night nurses and business offices (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 63).

North Reading State Sanatorium, — additional buildings.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the installation of a fire protective system at the North Reading State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 65).

North Reading State Sanatorium, — fire protective system.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

By Mr. Odlin of Lynn, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the First Universalist Society in Haverhill and to permit it to hold additional property (House, No. 1378).

First Universalist Society in Haverhill.

By Mr. Brunell of Webster, for the committee on Towns, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1237), a Bill relative to the administration of town affairs and to authorize the adoption of a limited town meeting (House, No. 1441).

Town affairs, — administration.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the appointment of a director of physical education to have supervision of physical education in the public schools ought to pass in a new draft entitled: An Act to authorize the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education (House, No. 1440) [Messrs. Atwood of Boston, Murphy of Lowell and Foley of Boston, dissenting].

Public schools, — director of physical education.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Insurance
companies, —
taxation.

Aliens, —
registration.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the taxation of insurance companies (Senate, No. 281) ought to pass.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321) ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following: —

SECTION 1. Every male alien of eighteen years or over, unless enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States, and every unmarried female alien of twenty-one years or over, unless a widow with dependent child or children or any dependent upon a person enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States, who has resided in this commonwealth for three months next prior to the first day of April in each year, shall, between the first and tenth days of May in the current year and thereafter between the first and tenth days of April in each year, or within such further time not exceeding thirty days as the city or town clerk may for good cause allow, register with the clerk of the city or town in which he or she resides, upon blanks to be furnished by said clerk, his or her name, age, residence by street and number, employment and place of business, place of birth and the port or other point of entry into the United States. Every said alien shall, at the time of registration, pay to the clerk of said city or town a registration fee of five dollars for the use of the commonwealth. All fees received under this act shall, within thirty days of their receipt, be paid over by said city and town clerks to the treasurer and receiver-general of the commonwealth. The duties and powers imposed by this act upon city and town clerks shall, in the city of Boston, be vested in and exercised by the board of election commissioners.

SECTION 2. The secretary of the commonwealth shall furnish to the several city and town clerks uniform blank forms in number sufficient to enable them to comply with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. Failure on the part of any alien designated in section one to comply with the provisions thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Metropolitan
parks ap-
portionment
commission, —
compensation
and expenses.

Boston Ele-
vated Railway
Company, —
public
operation.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission (House, No. 872, changed in section 1 by inserting before the word "dollars", in line 2, the words "three thousand").

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1204), on a special report of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1240), and on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1283), a Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Com-

pany (House, No. 1442) [Messrs. Butterworth of Revere, Burke of Boston and Feinberg of Boston, of the House, of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, and Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, of the committee on Street Railways, dissenting].

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80), a Bill providing for the compensation of inmates of the State Prison, the Massachusetts Reformatory, the Reformatory for Women and the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 93).

Inmates of
penal institu-
tions, — com-
pensation.

By Mr. Winchester of Boston, for the same committee, on a part of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62), a Resolve providing for the construction of a new hospital building at the North Reading State Sanatorium (House, No. 64).

North Reading
State Sana-
torium, — new
hospital
building.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the commitment and transfer of dipsomaniacs and others; and

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the hours of employment of women and minors as operators of elevators;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the physical examination of inmates of penal institutions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92), was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

Bills:

Authorizing cities and towns to fill by temporary appointment the places of municipal officers engaged in military or naval service (House, No. 1435); and

To regulate the distribution of case books and technical reports published at the public expense (House, No. 1436);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 767, changed) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 1390) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk (House, No. 519) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to regulate the distribution of public documents (House, No. 1433) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for indemnifying John J. O'Neil for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Hampden County Training School (Senate, No. 328); and

Relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of the county of Hampshire (printed as House, No. 139);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. George C. F. Allen of Lynn, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, April 15, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Mr. Monk of Watertown presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Watertown that the attendance officer of the public schools of said town be placed under the civil service laws. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Watertown
school attendance officer, —
civil service.

Mr. Dow of Beverly presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Manchester that said town be authorized to consolidate its water and sewer departments. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Manchester, —
consolidation of water and
sewer departments.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2) of George A. Hastings for the payment of subsidies to encourage the breeding of sheep and cattle, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Breeding of
sheep and
cattle, —
subsidies.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cheney of Southborough, for the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 476) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the sale of milk and to the containers in which it is put up for sale [Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, of the House, of the committee on Public Health, dissenting].

Milk and milk
containers.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, for the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 63 to 79, inclusive).

Trustees of
Hospitals for
Consumptives,
— recommendations.

By the same member, for the same committee, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 81 to 94, inclusive).

Massachusetts
Bureau of
Prisons, —
recommendations.

By the same member, for the same committee, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 215 and 216).

State Board of
Charity, —
recommendations.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Brighton
municipal
court, — salary
of court
officer.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to establish the salary of the officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1444).

State Guard, —
duties and
liabilities.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a part of so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on a part of the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, Nos. 195 and 197), a Bill relative to the duties and liabilities of members of the State Guard (House, No. 1445).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Clerks of
certain courts,
— salaries.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 626) ought to pass with amendments, in section 1, striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "and the first and second district courts of Barnstable"; and striking out section 2.

Civil service,
— removals,
suspensions,
etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons under the classified civil service (House, No. 1384) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Justices and
clerks of certain
courts, —
salaries.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Raising of
sheep, —
bounty.

By Mr. Bray of Buckland, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058), a Bill to provide a bounty for the raising of sheep during the present war emergency.

State Guard, —
maintenance.

By Mr. French of Haverhill, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a part of so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on a part of the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, Nos. 195 and 197), a Resolve authorizing additional expenditures for the maintenance of the State Guard.

State Guard, —
military equip-
ment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on a part of the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, Nos. 195 and 197), a Resolve providing for the purchase of military equipment for the State Guard.

Ayer, — plan
for sewage
disposal.

By Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge, for the committee on Public Health, on so much of the annual report of the following-named department on the purification and protection of sources of water supply (House, No. 537), as relates to sewerage and sewage disposal, a Resolve providing for a report by the State Department of Health of a plan for the disposal of sewage in the town of Ayer [Mr. Morse of Danvers, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. Dean of Worcester, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a supplementary recommendation of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 667), a Resolve providing for the installation of five new wells and a larger suction line at the North Reading State Sanatorium.

North Reading State Sanatorium, — new wells and suction line.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the construction at the North Reading State Sanatorium of buildings to accommodate the superintendent, medical staff, night nurses and business officers (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 63); and

Orders of the day.

On so much of the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) as relates to the installation of a fire protective system at the North Reading State Sanatorium (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 65);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court:

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of a cow tie-up at the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 88);

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of an office building and vault at the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 89); and

On so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the construction of a coal dump for the Prison Camp and Hospital (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 90);

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1024) of B. L. Young relative to further supervision of feeble-minded persons; and

Of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1296) of Edward A. Scigliano for the electrification of the Union Freight Railway in the city of Boston;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To change the name of the First Universalist Society in Haverhill and to permit it to hold additional property (House, No. 1378);

To authorize the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education (House, No. 1440);

Relative to the administration of town affairs and to authorize the adoption of a limited town meeting (House, No. 1441);

Relative to the taxation of insurance companies (Senate, No. 281); and

Relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To increase the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk (House, No. 519, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To increase the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 767, changed and amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston (House, No. 1390, amended);

Authorizing cities and towns to fill by temporary appointment the places of municipal officers engaged in military or naval service (House, No. 1435); and

To regulate the distribution of case books and technical reports published at the public expense (House, No. 1436);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the publication of annual reports of state officials and departments (House, No. 1434) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and two, chapter three hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and three, chapters three hundred and eighty-eight and four hundred and ten of the acts of nineteen hundred and four, chapters one hundred and thirty-eight and two hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and five, chapter four hundred and forty-four, sections two and three of chapter four hundred and fifty-nine and five hundred and twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, chapters eighty-three, two hundred and thirty-six, section two of chapter four hundred and twenty-nine and section one of chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten, chapters seventy-four and four hundred and forty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, chapters one hundred and thirty-two and three hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, section two of chapter ninety-one, section two of chapter two hundred and ninety-one, and chapter five hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the general

acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen and section two of chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen are hereby repealed, and so much of section five of chapter four hundred and sixty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, section three of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, section two of chapter five hundred and twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, section one of chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, section four of chapter six hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twelve as amended by section one of chapter three hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen and section one of chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen as relate to the number of copies of reports to be printed are hereby repealed."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1446), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1398) of Francis Prescott for amendments of the law relative to the construction by counties of hospitals for tuberculous patients, was considered.

Mr. Prescott of Grafton moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321) was read a second time.

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Federal Relations, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The motion to recommit was also negatived.

After further debate the amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden (Mr. Bates of Quincy being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, April 16, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bill Ordered Reprinted.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, — public operation.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn 1500 additional copies of the Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1442) were ordered printed.

Petitions.

Insurance companies, — joint and several policies.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of Henry C. Sawyer relative to permitting insurance companies authorized to transact workmen's compensation insurance to unite in issuing joint and several policies providing such insurance. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1449) was referred to the committee on Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Life and endowment insurance, — size of type in policies.

Mr. Bliss also presented a petition of Frank H. Hardison and another relative to the size of type which shall be used in policies of life and endowment insurance. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on rules.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1450) was referred to the committee on Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Taking of lobsters.

Mr. Woodill of Melrose presented a petition of William C. Adams for further legislation relative to the taking of lobsters. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Certain boards and commissions, — consolidation.

A report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the report of the joint special recess committee on

the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) concerning the consolidation of departments, boards and commissions as relates to the "Bureau of Conservation of Natural Resources, Board of Agriculture, Commissioner of Animal Industry, State Forester, State Forest Commission and Commissioners on Fisheries and Game" (see page 62, clause 8), and recommending that the same be referred to the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 235) of James F. Cavanagh that employees be compensated for sickness resulting from their employment; and Employees, — compensation for sickness.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to the right to sue for sickness or injury arising out of or in the course of employment; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 127) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulations concerning cold storage food products and the sale thereof [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, and Messrs. Mulveny of Fall River, Leavitt of Boston and James W. Hayes of Boston, of the House, dissenting]; and Food products, — cold storage and sale.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1021) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that tenants as well as landlords be made liable for unsanitary conditions in buildings; Tenants, — liability for sanitary conditions in buildings.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust (Senate, No. 323) (reported on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 145, and House, Nos. 550, 669 and 670); and White pine blister rust.

A Resolve to provide for the purchase of land for normal school purposes in the city of Fitchburg (printed as House, No. 168) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education, House, No. 161); State Normal School at Fitchburg, — land.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Notice was received that the House Bill relative to the sale of coal, coke, charcoal and kindling wood in small quantities (House, No. 1399, amended) had been rejected by the Senate. Coal, coke and kindling wood.

Also that the engrossed Bill relative to the taxation of income from dealings in real estate (see House, No. 257, amended) had been rejected by the Senate. Dealings in real estate, — taxation of income.

Reports of Committees.

Watertown
school attend-
ance officer, —
civil service.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Watertown that the attendance officer of the public schools of said town be placed under the civil service laws. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1451) was referred to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Miscellaneous
appropriations.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the production and conservation of food products, for the purchase of farm machinery and for miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1452), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Watertown
and Belmont,
— additional
water supply.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to provide an additional water supply for the towns of Watertown and Belmont (printed as House, No. 1324) ought to pass. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Walter H.
Young of
Dedham.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of Walter H. Young of Dedham (House, No. 1234) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1448).

Tubercular
patients, —
removal to
institutions.

By Mr. Frothingham of Lynn, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to the removal of certain persons infected with tuberculosis (House, No. 612) [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, dissenting].

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Homestead
Commission,
— enlarged
powers.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill to enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens ought to pass (House, No. 1447). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the grading and branding of apples;

Relative to the appointment of women as special police officers;

Relative to the liability of officers of delinquent foreign corporations;

To permit the operation of motor vehicles in the town of Nantucket;

To validate the election of the board of assessors in the town of Templeton;

Relative to pensions for certain scrubwomen employed by the county of Suffolk;

To authorize an exchange of land by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission;

Making an appropriation for the control, suppression and treatment of venereal diseases;

To provide for clerical service for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk;

To increase the salary of the messenger of the courts of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex;

To provide for the reconstruction of the bridge over Cohasset Narrows between the towns of Wareham and Bourne;

Authorizing the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation to sell and convey its private railroad to any domestic railroad corporation;

To establish the salaries of the Commissioner of State Aid and pensions and certain of his assistants and to provide for an additional clerk and temporary agents;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the classification and grading of milk;

Relative to the employment of clerical assistance by the treasurer of the county of Hampshire;

To provide for indemnifying John J. O'Neil for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Hampden County Training School; and

To enable the trustees of county tuberculosis hospitals to provide for the care, maintenance and repair of said hospitals;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns; and

Resolves passed.

Providing for exhibitions and other means of increasing public interest in the protection of fish and game;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on Public Institutions, no further legislation necessary:

On the recommendations of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 62) (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 63 to 79, inclusive);

Orders of the day.

On the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 81 to 94, inclusive); and

On the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 214) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 215 and 216);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2) of George A. Hastings for the payment of subsidies to encourage the breeding of sheep and cattle, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To increase the salary of the officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston (House, No. 1444); and

Relative to the duties and liabilities of members of the State Guard (House, No. 1445);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 626) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the name of the First Universalist Society in Haverhill and to permit it to hold additional property (House, No. 1378) was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the taxation of insurance companies (Senate, No. 281) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1398) of Francis Prescott for amendments of the law relative to the construction by counties of hospitals for tuberculous patients, was considered.

Mr. Prescott of Grafton moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to extend the time within which certain counties shall provide hospital care for persons suffering from consumption (House, No. 1443), which was read.

Mr. Winchester of Boston moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until Thursday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The amendment was then adopted; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The report of the committees on Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 476) of Charles S. O'Connor relative to the sale of milk and to the containers in which it is put up for sale, was considered.

Mr. O'Connor of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the sale of milk at

wholesale and retail (House, No. 476, changed in section 1 by inserting after the word "dealer", in lines 8 and 35, and in section 2 by inserting after the word "milk", in line 2, the words "within the commonwealth").

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, the question was put on the adoption of the amendment, and 71 members voted in the affirmative and 82 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. O'Connor; and on the roll call 81 members voted in the affirmative and 121 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
Allen, Ernest W.
Arnold, Seth F.
Bartlett, William A.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bower, Arthur
Browne, Arthur S.
Bunting, George
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, William F.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Fleming, William
Foley, William J.
French, William P.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Green, Thomas H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Holland, William J.
Johnson, William L.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.
Kiernan, James F.
Mahoney, William H.

Messrs. Malone, Michael F.
Manning, William J.
Marsh, George S.
Martin, Robert B.
McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McIntosh, David S.
McKeon, Francis P.
McKinney, Francis B.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Mellen, Walter L.
Moran, James G.
Morrill, Charles H.
Moynihan, James J.
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Nason, Arthur L.
Nelson, Christian
Nelson, Oscar H.
Nutting, Edward H.
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Odlin, James E.
Ollendorff, William W.
Osborne, John N.
Pepin, Chauncey
Prescott, Francis
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Smith, Jerome S.
Spinney, Burgess H.
Swig, Simon
Walker, George
Whitman, Albert L.
Winchester, Charles A.
Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Atwood, Harrison H.

Messrs. Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.

Messrs. Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Foster, William
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.

Messrs. Kent, Robert T.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 McAllister, John H.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Mulveny, Frank
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tolman, James E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring

81 yeas; 121 nays.

PAIRS.

The following pairs were announced: —

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Mahoney, John P.*	Kelley, David L.
Craig, John W.*	Larocque, Ernest A.
Harrington, Edward F.*	Dean, Henry E.
Murphy, John J.	Clauss, Frederic F.*
Donovan, John L.*	Butler, Frederick
Sawyer, Roland D.*	Allen, George C. F.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.*	Southworth, Gilbert G.
Burke, Frank J.*	Orr, John Glenn

* Present.

[The committee on Public Institutions were absent on official business.]

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. O'Connor was rejected.

The report of the committee was then accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons under the classified civil service (House, No. 1384) was read a second time.

Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River moved that the bill be recommended to the committee on Counties on the part of the House; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to authorize the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education (House, No. 1440) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 8, by striking out the first sentence thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words "The board may appoint advisory councils in cities and towns which shall confer with the local school committees relative to the establishment and maintenance of a system of physical education in the public schools."

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment was then adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 95 to 45. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-four minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Slotnick of Holyoke, the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Odlin of Lynn), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special and Annual Reports.

Art Commission for the Commonwealth.

The third report of the Art Commission for the Commonwealth, received from the Executive department, was referred to the committee on State House and Libraries. (House, No. 1456.) Sent up for concurrence.

Board of Dental Examiners.

The thirty-first annual report of the Board of Dental Examiners (Pub. Doc. No. 38), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Order.

Adjournment over April 19.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Ordered, That the hour of meeting on Thursday, April 18, be eleven o'clock A.M.; and that, when the House adjourns on said day, it adjourn to meet on the following Monday.

Petition.

Erving, — fire and water district.

Mr. Kellogg of Orange presented a petition of William T. Richards and others for the establishment of a fire and water district in the town of Erving. The same member moved that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended; and these motions were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Certain joint committees, — extension of time for reports.

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, April 24th, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, Counties, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, Street Railways and Taxation.

Reports:

Boston, — tax limit.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 195) of Charles E. Fay that a tax limit be established for the city of Boston; and

Public school children, — medical and surgical care.

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Robert M.

Washburn that school pupils receive medical and surgical care and treatment at public expense [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, dissenting];

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund (Senate, No. 336) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 310), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Massachusetts
School Fund,
— distribution.

The Senate Bill to provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell (Senate, No. 278, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out the word "authorized", and inserting in place thereof the word "directed".

Merrimack
river, —
fishways at
Lawrence and
Lowell.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Lowell; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William L. Gleason, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to use for hospital construction the unexpended balances of certain loans. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1453) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Brockton, —
use of funds
for hospital
construction.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fred P. Greenwood for legislation to prevent idleness on the part of able-bodied male citizens. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1454) was referred to the committee on Social Welfare.

Able-bodied
male citizens,
— useful
occupation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the joint special recess committee (of 1916) on workmen's compensation insurance rates and accident prevention (Senate, No. 370 of 1917) as relates to the consolidation of boards and commissions.

Boards and
commissions, —
consolidation.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of the Highway Safety League for the establishment of a motor vehicle commission.

Motor vehicle
commission.

By Mr. Dow of Beverly, for the committee on Education, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 162 to 169, inclusive).

Board of
Education, —
recommendations.

Medford street
in Somerville,
— drainage.

By Mr. Benton of Belmont, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1294) of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor, for the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

High schools, —
teaching of
Spanish.

By Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough, for the committee on Education, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 829), a Bill to provide for the teaching of Spanish in the public high schools of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1455) [Mr. Hull of Leominster, of the House, dissenting]. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Water-power
resources, —
special
investigation.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, on so much of the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, Nos. 271 and 275) as relates to conserving the stream flow of the rivers of the Commonwealth, and on petitions (accompanied by resolves, House, Nos. 617, 758 and 1130), a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water-power resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1457). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules.

Attorney-
General, —
investigation
of certain
monopolistic
conditions.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, on a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 168), a Resolve directing the Attorney-General to investigate certain monopolistic conditions created by the operation of certain laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1458). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Public schools,
— physical
education.

Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed the Bill to authorize the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education (House, No. 1440, amended); and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 50 to 93.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the town of Marshfield to invest in Liberty Loan bonds; and

To make further provision for stimulating the production and conservation of food products;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Ex-Representa-
tive Daniel
W. Casey.

The Speaker then introduced Ex-Representative Daniel W. Casey, now of the United States Navy, Chief Yeoman at the Charlestown Navy Yard, who addressed the House briefly.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next Orders of
the day.
General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 235) of James F. Cavanagh that employees be compensated for sickness resulting from their employment; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to the right to sue for sickness or injury arising out of or in the course of employment; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1021) of The Dorchester Board of Trade that tenants as well as landlords be made liable for unsanitary conditions in buildings;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time within which certain counties shall provide hospital care for persons suffering from consumption (House, No. 1443); and

To enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens (House, No. 1447); and

The Resolve in favor of Walter H. Young of Dedham (House, No. 1448);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (House, No. 626, amended);

Relative to the administration of town affairs and to authorize the adoption of a limited town meeting (House, No. 1441); and

To increase the salary of the officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston (House, No. 1444);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the production and conservation of food products, for the purchase of farm machinery and for miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1452) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston.

The Bill relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts (Senate, No. 270) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to provide an additional water supply for the towns of

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Watertown and Belmont (printed as House, No. 1324) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown.

The Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "Chapter 'ninety of the Revised Laws as amended in section twenty-eight by section one of chapter six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby further amended by striking out said section twenty-eight, and substituting the following:—*Section 28.* Contagious diseases, under the provisions of this chapter, shall include glanders, farcy, mange, contagious pleuropneumonia, tuberculosis, Texas fever, foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, hog cholera, rabies, anthrax or anthracoid diseases, sheep scab and actinomycosis, and such other diseases as shall be deemed to be infectious, contagious or communicable diseases by the department of animal industry."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill, as previously amended by the House, be further amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out the words "Every male alien of eighteen years or over, unless enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States, and every unmarried female alien of twenty-one years or over, unless a widow with dependent child or children or any dependent upon a person", and inserting in place thereof the words "Every male alien between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years [A], unless he be"; by striking out the words " or she"; and by striking out the words "or her"; and

By inserting after section 3 the following new sections:—

"SECTION 4. The parent of any person in the military or naval service of the United States, or of any person who has died in such service or has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall be exempt from the provisions of this act.

"SECTION 5. Any alien who has taken out his first citizenship papers shall be exempt from the provisions of this act for a period of two years thereafter."

The same member moved that the bill, as amended, be further amended, in section 1, by striking out the words ", and every unmarried female alien of twenty-one or over, unless a widow with dependent child or children or any dependent upon a person enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States."

After debate Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the first amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer be amended at [A] by inserting the words ", who claims exemption as an alien from the oper-

ations of the Selective Service Act"; also that the bill, as amended, be further amended, in section 1, by striking out the words "five dollars", and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty dollars".

Mr. Wasserman of Boston moved that the bill, as amended, be further amended, in section 1, by striking out the words "unless enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States,"; and by striking out the words "Every said alien", and inserting in place thereof the words "Every male alien between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one years, unless enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States or excused therefrom for any reason,".

Mr. Boothman of Adams moved that the bill, as amended, be further amended by inserting after section 3 the following new section: "SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to any alien or his dependents, provided he is enrolled in the services of the allies at the time of calling for registration under this act."

Mr. Crowley of Abington moved that the bill, as amended, be further amended by adding at the end of section 2 the words "The secretary of the commonwealth shall also forward to the several city and town clerks copies of this act which shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the cities and towns for the purpose of informing the public of the provisions thereof."

After further debate Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Ways and Means; and this motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 127) of Edward F. McLaughlin for further regulations concerning cold storage food products and the sale thereof, was considered.

Mr. Mulveny of Fall River moved that the report be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the marking of articles of food when deposited in cold storage (printed as Senate, No. 127).

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the removal of certain persons infected with tuberculosis (House, No. 612) was read a second time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Wall of Worcester.

The House then refused, by a vote of 30 to 72, to order the bill to a third reading.

At ten minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Howland of New Bedford, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

THURSDAY, April 18, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file:—

School for
the Feeble-
Minded.

Boston, —
police
commissioner.

Grafton
State
Hospital.

Seventieth annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (Pub. Doc. No. 28).

Twelfth annual report of the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston (Pub. Doc. No. 49).

Fortieth annual report of the trustees of the Grafton State Hospital (Pub. Doc. No. 112).

Order.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams, —

Josiah
Babcock, Jr., —
compensation.

Ordered, That the compensation of Josiah Babcock, Jr., member of the House from the Fourth Norfolk Representative District, be allowed for the full session.

Petition.

Brockton, —
pension
for Orin W.
Packard.

Mr. Packard of Brockton presented a petition of the mayor and city solicitor of the city of Brockton that said city be authorized to pension Orin W. Packard. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order (see Senate, No. 316) (reported on a part of the special report of the Council relative to the standardization of salaries and compensations of state and county officials and employees, House, No. 1175) came down recommitted to the committee on Public Service, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule:—

Joint special
recess
committee, —
classification
and stand-
ardization
of salaries,
etc.

Ordered, That a joint special committee to consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives be appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to inquire into the subject of salaries and compensation paid to judicial and county officials and employees, and to all other officers and employees of the Commonwealth other than those included in Senate Bill, No. 315, with a view to their re-establishment and standardization in the interest of economy and efficiency, and also the subjects of working hours and vacations of state and county employees. The committee shall re-

port to the next General Court not later than the second Wednesday in January, with such recommendations and drafts of such proposed legislation as it may deem advisable. A room in the State House shall be assigned to the committee for its use and the committee shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary, may employ such assistance, clerical or otherwise, as it may require, and shall receive such sums for clerical assistance, travel and other expenses, and for the compensation of its members, as shall be allowed by the Governor and Council: *provided, however*, that the whole expense of the committee, including compensation and clerical and other expenses, shall not exceed thousand dollars.

The House concurred in the suspension of the 5th joint rule.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of Charles F. Rowley that provision be made for an annual referendum on granting licenses for the sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines; and

Sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines, — referendum.

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the further development of the port of Boston, and to acquiring the rights and privileges of the Union Freight Railroad Company (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 171 and 172);

Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, — recommendations.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 349) of the Massachusetts Universalist Convention, by George E. Leighton, secretary, and others that the Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston be authorized to hold additional property, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Ralph N. Butterworth and another relative to the compensation of reserve police officers in the city of Revere. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett of Lowell. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1460) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Revere, — compensation of reserve police officers.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Pay-Roll, on an order instructing said committee to make up the pay-roll for the travelling expenses of members of the House, that the following order, with the accompanying schedule, ought to be adopted: —

Josiah Babcock, Jr., — mileage.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$25 is due to Mr. Josiah Babcock, Jr., of Milton for compensation for travel, is approved, and that the same be sent to the Governor and Council.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Boothman, and adopted; and the schedule was signed by the Speaker.

Board of Gas
and Electric
Light Com-
missioners,
— recom-
mendations.

By Mr. Tolman of Gloucester, for the committee on Public Lighting, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 271) (accompanied by bills and resolve, House, Nos. 272 to 279, inclusive).

Employees in
state institu-
tions, —
board, lodging
and other
considerations.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Board of Retirement relative to establishing a basis for determining the value of board, lodging and other considerations which are a part of the compensation of certain employees in the institutions of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1404).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Prison Camp
and Hospital,
— house for
deputy super-
intendent.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the erection and equipment of a house for the deputy superintendent of the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 87) ought not to pass.

Motor vehicle
number plates,
— parcel post.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for sending motor vehicle number plates by parcel post ought not to pass, for the reason that, in the opinion of the committee, no legislation is necessary (House, No. 1461).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on rejection.

Insurance
Commissioner,
— old-age
annuities.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to establish a state system of old-age annuities under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner (printed as Senate, No. 92) be referred to the next General Court.

Wakefield
and Saugus,
— highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to improve certain roads in the towns of Wakefield and Saugus (House, No. 470) be referred to the next General Court.

Lunenburg,
— highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the town of Lunenburg (House, No. 542) be referred to the next General Court.

Holland and
Brimfield,
— highway im-
provement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the construction and improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Holland and Brimfield (House, No. 543) be referred to the next General Court.

Hubbardston
and Rutland,
— highway
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the further improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Hubbardston and Rutland (House, No. 781) be referred to the next General Court.

Auburn, —
highway im-
provement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the construction by the Massachusetts Highway

Commission of a state highway in the town of Auburn (House, No. 910) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1464).

Leominster, —
improvement
of Prospect
street.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for certain improvements at and the maintenance of the market garden field station at Lexington ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1465).

Market garden
field station, —
improvements
and main-
tenance.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the taxation of business corporations ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1462).

Domestic
business
corporations,
— taxation.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission (House, No. 872, changed) ought to pass in the form of a resolve with a similar title (House, No. 1463).

Metropolitan
parks ap-
portionment
commission, —
compensation
and expenses.

By Mr. Beaman of Leverett, for the committee on Agriculture, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1355), a Bill to increase the authority of the State Nursery Inspector in respect to nursery stock from outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1459).

State Nursery
Inspector, —
authority.

By Mr. Young of Spencer, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances (House, No. 1396, changed by striking out, in line 20, the word "thirty", and inserting in place thereof the word "ten").

Savings banks,
— investment
and bankers'
acceptances.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the construction of a new heating and power plant at the Reformatory for Women (House, No. 86) ought to pass.

Reformatory
for Women,
— heating
and power
plant.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund (Senate, No. 336) ought to pass.

Massachusetts
School Fund,
— distribution.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Savoy (Senate, No. 308) ought to pass.

Savoy, —
support of
public schools.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to establish the pay of officers in the quartermaster's corps of the militia (House, No. 1247). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Militia, —
pay of
certain
officers.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court:

On so much of the report of the joint special recess committee (of 1916) on workmen's compensation insurance rates and accident prevention (Senate, No. 370 of 1917) as relates to the consolidation of boards and commissions; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of the Highway Safety League for the establishment of a motor vehicle commission;

Of the committee on Education, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Education (House, No. 161) (accompanied by bills and resolves, House, Nos. 162 to 169, inclusive); and

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1294) of Charles W. Eldridge, mayor, for the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 195) of Charles E. Fay that a tax limit be established for the city of Boston; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Robert M. Washburn that school pupils receive medical and surgical care and treatment at public expense;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the teaching of Spanish in the public high schools of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1455) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To extend the time within which certain counties shall provide hospital care for consumptive patients (House, No. 1443) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens (House, No. 1447); and

The Resolve in favor of Walter H. Young of Dedham (House, No. 1448);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the duties and liabilities of members of the State Guard (House, No. 1445) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. The home guard organized under the pro-

visions of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen shall hereafter be known as the state guard."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

At twenty-four minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Babb of Boston (Mr. Warner of Taunton being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Babb), to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, April 22, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition.

Winchester, —
title to
metropolitan
park land.

Mr. Kneeland of Winchester presented a petition of the Winchester Water and Sewer Board relative to the title to certain land taken in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Erving, — fire
and water
district.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended on the petition of William T. Richards and others for the establishment of a fire and water district in the town of Erving. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th and 9th joint rules were severally suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1471) was referred to the committee on Water Supply, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct. Sent up for concurrence.

State sanatoria,
— additions
and improve-
ments.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, on resolves providing for certain additions and improvements at the Lakeville State Sanatorium, the North Reading State Sanatorium, the Rutland State Sanatorium and the Westfield State Sanatorium (House, Nos. 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 73, 76 and 77, changed) and on a resolve based on House, No. 667, a Resolve providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 1466).

Massachusetts
Bureau of
Prisons, —
purchase of
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the taking of land for the employment of prisoners thereon by the Director of Prisons (House, No. 85) ought to pass in the form of a Resolve providing for the purchase of land by the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 1467).

Lyman and
Industrial
Schools for
Boys, —
improvements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on resolves providing for certain improvements at the Lyman School for Boys and the Industrial School for Boys, a Resolve providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 1469).

David J.
Sheehan of
Lynn.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of David J. Sheehan of Lynn (House, No. 1119,

changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1468).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of the mother of James F. Broderick of Amesbury ought to pass with an amendment inserting after the word "years," the words "in full compensation". (House, No. 1470.) Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Mother of
James F.
Broderick
of Amesbury.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Designating the mayflower as the floral emblem of the Commonwealth; Bills enacted.

Relative to the rate of interest on certain school securities of the town of Framingham;

Relative to the rate of interest on certain securities to be issued by the city of Brockton;

To ascertain the opinion of the voters of the town of Wakefield as to making the town a city;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To provide for the construction of fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell;

Relative to the salaries of the justices and clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts; and

To authorize the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to provide an additional water supply for the towns of Watertown and Belmont;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve providing for an examination of the heating and power plants at state institutions (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Reardon of Boston, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Corporal Thomas F. Kenney of Boston, member of the 101st Regiment of Infantry, United States Army, who addressed the House briefly.

Corporal
Thomas F.
Kenney.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Lighting, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners (House, No. 271) (accompanied by bills and resolve, House, Nos. 272 to 279, inclusive); and Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on the special report of the Board of Retirement relative to establishing a basis for determining the value of board, lodging and other considerations which are a part of the compensation of certain employees in the institutions of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1404);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 728) of Charles F. Rowley that provision be made for an annual referendum on granting licenses for the sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines; and

Of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands (House, No. 170) as relates to the further development of the port of Boston, and to acquiring the rights and privileges of the Union Freight Railroad Company (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 171 and 172);

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for sending motor vehicle number plates by parcel post (House, No. 1461); and

The Resolve providing for the erection and equipment of a house for the deputy superintendent of the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 87);

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to improve certain roads in the towns of Wakefield and Saugus (House, No. 470);

To provide for the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the town of Lunenburg (House, No. 542);

To provide for the construction and improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Holland and Brimfield (House, No. 543);

To provide for the further improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a highway in the towns of Hubbardston and Rutland (House, No. 781); and

To provide for the construction by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of a state highway in the town of Auburn (House, No. 910);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances (House, No. 1396, changed);

To increase the authority of the State Nursery Inspector in respect to nursery stock from outside the Commonwealth (House, No. 1459);

Relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1462);

Relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464); and

Relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund (Senate, No. 336); and

Resolves:

Providing for the construction of a new heating and power plant at the Reformatory for Women (House, No. 86);

Providing for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission (House, No. 1463); and

Providing for certain improvements at and the maintenance of the market garden field station at Lexington (House, No. 1465);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the town of Savoy (Senate, No. 308) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hull of Leominster, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Hull.

The Bill to establish a state system of old-age annuities under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner (printed as Senate, No. 92) was considered; and after debate it was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to provide for the teaching of Spanish in the public high schools of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1455) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Baker of Marlborough moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 3, the words "or of fifteen", and inserting in place thereof the words "of five hundred".

After further debate Mr. Maloney of Chelsea moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading; and this motion prevailed.

At twenty-one minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Barry of Lynn, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, April 23, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Allen of Newton, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Joint special committee investigating the fish industry, — travel.

Ordered, That the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in the Commonwealth be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston.

Petitions.

Boston, — Pleasant street assessments.

Mr. Wharton of Boston presented a petition of Edwin S. Drowne and others for an extension of the time for the revision and correction of the Pleasant street assessments by the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Old Provincial State House, — care and maintenance.

Mr. Smith of Boston presented a petition of Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston. Mr. Bunting of Methuen moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Widow of Arthur Ellington Burr.

Mr. Smith also presented a petition of Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., relative to the payment of a sum of money to the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr. Mr. Bunting of Methuen moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

State Department of Health, — recommendations.

Of the committee on Public Health, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, No. 208) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 209 to 213, inclusive); and

Employees, — deductions in pay because of tardiness.

Of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No. 1099), recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment, and that the bill be amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. There shall not be deducted from the wages of an employee in any factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, or from the wages of a mechanic, workman or laborer, on

account of the employee's coming late to work, a sum in excess of the proportionate wage which would have been earned during the time actually lost."

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to provide that bail or deposits forfeited in cases of illegitimacy may be applied to the support of the child (Senate, No. 354) (new draft of House bill No. 1392, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Cases of illegitimacy, — use of forfeited bail.

Bills:

To establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 342, amended) (reported on a bill taken from the files of last year, Senate, No. 498 of 1917, and on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 72, and House, Nos. 322 and 323);

Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Relative to the income tax on property held in trust (Senate, No. 343, amended) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1054); and

Property held in trust, — taxation.

To establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Senate, No. 346) (new draft of a bill substituted for a House report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1154);

State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, — salaries.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

Boulevard Trust Company.

Striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following new section: "SECTION 1. Trust companies may hold real estate unencumbered by mortgage suitable for the transaction of their business to an amount including the cost of alterations and additions in the nature of permanent fixtures, not exceeding twenty-five per cent of their capital actually paid in and their surplus account, but not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; *provided, however*, that the board of bank incorporation may, after notice and hearing, permit any trust company to acquire real estate to an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of its paid in capital and its surplus account and undivided profits."; and

Striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following new title: "An Act relative to the holding of real estate by trust companies."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

The House Bill relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers (House, No. 1422) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an

Soldiers and dependents, — burial.

amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Lowell; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Domestic
animals, —
contagious
diseases.

The Senate Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394) came down with the endorsement that the Senate had non-concurred in the House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "Chapter ninety of the Revised Laws as amended in section twenty-eight by section one of chapter six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby further amended by striking out said section twenty-eight, and substituting the following: — *Section 28.* Contagious diseases, under the provisions of this chapter, shall include glanders, farcy, mange, contagious pleuro-pneumonia, tuberculosis, Texas fever, foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, hog cholera, rabies, anthrax or anthracoid diseases, sheep scab and actinomycosis and such other diseases as shall be deemed to be infectious, contagious or communicable diseases by the department of animal industry.").

On motion of Mr. Adams of Stockbridge the House insisted on its amendment and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

Subsequently Messrs. Powers of Newton, Tarbell of Brookfield and Adams of Stockbridge were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Town laws, —
revision and
codification.

The engrossed Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns (see House, No. 1367, as amended when engrossed) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3 (as printed), the words "with the advice and consent of the council,"; and by striking out, in lines 5, 6, 7 and 8 (as changed and amended), the words "The commission shall report its recommendations, with drafts of proposed legislation embodying the same, to the present general court not later than the first Wednesday of May", and inserting in place thereof the words "The commission shall report to the present general court its recommendations, with drafts of proposed legislation embodying the same."

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, there being no objection, the vote by which the resolve had been passed was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendments were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Abbott.

The Senate reports of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 33) of John I. Fitzgerald that George F. Doherty may be transferred from

George F.
Doherty.

the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of John I. Fitzgerald that George Goodfellow may be transferred from the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination;

George
Goodfellow.

Severally came down recommitted, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and the House concurred, in each instance, in the suspension of said rule.

Notice was received that the House Bill to authorize the pensioning of employees by savings banks (House, No. 553, changed) had been rejected by the Senate.

Savings banks,
— pensioning
of employees.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor and city solicitor of the city of Brockton that said city be authorized to pension Orin W. Packard. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1472) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Brockton, —
pension
for Orin W.
Packard.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William C. Adams for further legislation relative to the taking of lobsters. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Donovan. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1473) was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Taking of
lobsters.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Manchester that said town be authorized to consolidate its water and sewer departments. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1474) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Manchester, —
consolidation
of water and
sewer depart-
ments.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Dennis A. Murphy that Charles H. Slowey of Lowell be allowed the compensation he would have received had he been able to qualify as a member of the House of Representatives. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1475) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Charles H.
Slowey of
Lowell.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accom-

Domestic
corporations,
— distribution

of franchise
taxes.

panied by bill, House, No. 464) of Cornelius Boothman relative to the distribution of the corporate franchise taxes of domestic business corporations. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Women and
children, —
hours of labor.

By Mr. Ferry of Northbridge, for the committee on Social Welfare, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the hours of employment of women and children (House, No. 1415) be referred to the next General Court [Messrs. Greenwood of Everett, Frothingham of Lynn, McIntosh of Quincy, Crowley of Abington and Corrigan of Natick, of the House, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on reference to the next General Court.

Civil service, —
removals,
suspensions,
etc.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons under the classified civil service (House, No. 1384) ought to pass with amendments, in section 2, striking out lines 19 to 26, inclusive; and adding at the end of section 3 the words “; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the rights of police officers under the provisions of chapter two hundred and ten of the acts of nineteen hundred and six, but all remedies for the violation of such rights shall be under the provisions of this act”. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Domestic
corporations,
— war relief
contributions.

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Bill (recommitted) to authorize certain corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (House, No. 444, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1476), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

State insti-
tutions, —
construction
of buildings,
etc.

By Mr. Murphy of Holyoke, for the committee on Public Institutions, on a part of the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases (House, Nos. 217 and 220), on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 756) and on a portion of the final report of the joint special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill relative to the construction of buildings and development of institutions at public expense (House, No. 1478).

Tax on
incomes, —
distribution.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799), a Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the support and burial of indigent persons;

Relative to the disposal of funds and interest thereon of patients in certain state institutions;

Bills
enacted.

Granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of Great Brewster and Middle Brewster islands in Boston harbor;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the taxation of insurance companies (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for a report by the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Health on the expediency of utilizing the peat deposits in the Commonwealth (which originated in the House); and

Resolves passed.

In favor of the town of Savoy (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Resolves:

Providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 1466);

Orders of the day.

In favor of David J. Sheehan of Lynn (House, No. 1468); and

Providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 1469);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the mother of James F. Broderick of Amesbury (House, No. 1470) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To increase the authority of the State Nursery Inspector in respect to importation of nursery stock (House, No. 1459) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1462); and

Resolves:

Providing for the construction of a new heating and power plant at the Reformatory for Women (House, No. 86);

Providing for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission (House, No. 1463);

Authorizing an appropriation for the maintenance and improvement of the market garden field station at Lexington (House, No. 1465) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund (Senate, No. 336) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the teaching of Spanish in the public high schools of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1455) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for instruction in Spanish in the public high schools.

There being no objection Mr. Baker of Marlborough withdrew the amendment previously moved by him.

After debate Mr. Moran of Mansfield moved that the amendment be amended by striking out the words "two hundred", and inserting in place thereof the words "one hundred".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge.

The amendment moved by Mr. Moran was then adopted; the amendment recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, as amended, was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1477) was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the purchase of land by the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 1467) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the resolve be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the resolve be amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "less", and inserting in place thereof the word "more".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Ballantyne of Boston.

The amendment was then adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 92 to 16.

The Bill relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances (House, No. 1396, changed) was read a third time.

After debate (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twelve minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Clauss of Cambridge (Mr. Smith being in the chair), the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special Communication.

A communication from Mrs. Angie M. Brackett, addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth under date of April 20, conveying her appreciation of the tribute paid by the Senate and House of Representatives on the occasion of the death of her husband, John Q. A. Brackett, and requesting that her gratitude and appreciation for their thoughtful action and expression of sympathy be conveyed to the Senate and House, — was read; and the communication was sent to the Senate.

Death of
Ex-Governor
John Q. A.
Brackett.

Petitions.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford presented a petition of Andrew P. Doyle that provision be made for renewing electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Electricians'
certificates,
— renewal.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill presented a petition of James F. Cavanagh and others for the establishment of a district court or for other changes in judicial procedure in the county of Nantucket. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Nantucket
county, —
district court.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1481) was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.**Bills:*

To establish a minimum salary for certain public school teachers (Senate, No. 340, amended) (reported on a part of a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1069); and

Public school
teachers, —
minimum
salary.

Relative to the time and place for voting at primaries and elections (Senate, No. 344, amended) (substituted for a Senate

Primaries and
elections, —
time and

place for
voting.

report, leave to withdraw, on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 112);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Bills:

Smith's
Agricultural
School.

Establishing Smith's Agricultural School (Senate, No. 335) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 43); and

Crippled and
injured persons,
— training.

To establish a department for the training of crippled and injured persons (Senate, No. 345) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the Board of Education, House, Nos. 161 and 164, and on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 687);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Boston Sunday
Evangelistic
Committee,
Inc.

The House Bill to dissolve the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc. (House, No. 1379) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. The Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc., incorporated under chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Laws, is hereby dissolved, subject, however, to the provisions of chapter one hundred and nine of the special acts of the current year.

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule on motion of Mr. Richards of Malden; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Municipal
employees
in federal
service, —
vacancies.

The House Bill authorizing cities and towns to fill by temporary appointment the places of municipal officers engaged in military or naval service (House, No. 1435) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, inserting before the word "Compensation", in line 13, the words "Subject to the provisions of chapter two hundred and fifty-four of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen,".

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Magee of Winthrop; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

State institu-
tions, —
repairs and
improvements.

The House Resolve to provide for repairs and improvements at certain state institutions (House, No. 1424) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, inserting before the word "for", in line 3, the words "to be expended under the direction of the commission on mental diseases,"; and striking out, in lines 5 and 6, 16 and 17, 26 and 27, 37 and 38, 41 and 42, 51 and 52, 55 and 56, 66 and 67, 75 and 76, 83 and 84, 88 and 89, and 97 and 98, the words "to be expended under the direction of the trustees thereof,".

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Notice was received that the following House resolves had severally been rejected by the Senate: —

Resolve in favor of Joseph Foster (House, No. 1101, changed); Joseph Foster.
and

Resolve in favor of the widow of William G. Walsh (House, No. 1102, changed). Widow of William G. Walsh.

Also that the House Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to increase the pension of John Flynn (House, No. 1377, changed) Brockton, — John Flynn. had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Edwin S. Drowne and others for an extension of the time for the revision and correction of the Pleasant street assessments by the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1482) was referred to the committee on Cities. Boston, — Pleasant street assessments.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1483) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Old Provincial State House, — care and maintenance.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., relative to the payment of a sum of money to the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1484) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Widow of Arthur Ellington Burr.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the creation of a judicature commission, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Read, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence in the discharge of the committee. Judicature commission.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on so much of the abstract of Public Service Commission, — annual report.

the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as was referred to said committee.

Land Court, —
fees for the
examination
of titles.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to fees for the examination of titles by the Land Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Boston,
Quincy and
Fall River
Bicycle Rail-
way Company.

By Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill extending the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway (House, No. 1427). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Bills
enacted.

To regulate the distribution of case books and technical reports published at the public expense;

Relative to the salaries of clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts and of the Boston Juvenile Court; and

To change the name of the First Universalist Society in the Town of Haverhill and to permit it to hold additional property; (Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the appointment of a special commission to revise and codify the laws relating to towns (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

Coxswain
Walter J.
Maranville.

The Speaker then introduced Coxswain Walter J. Maranville of the United States Navy, formerly of the Boston National League baseball team, who addressed the House briefly.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Public Health, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the State Department of Health (House, No. 208) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 209 to 213, inclusive); and

Of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness (House, No.

1099), recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment, and that the bill be amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. There shall not be deducted from the wages of an employee in any factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, or from the wages of a mechanic, workman or laborer, on account of the employee's coming late to work, a sum in excess of the proportionate wage which would have been earned during the time actually lost.";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons under the classified civil service (House, No. 1384) was considered. The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House, were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464); and

Resolves:

Providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (House, No. 1466);

In favor of David J. Sheehan of Lynn (House, No. 1468);

Providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (House, No. 1469); and

In favor of the mother of James F. Broderick of Amesbury (House, No. 1470, amended);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize domestic corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (House, No. 1476) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill.

The report of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 464) of Cornelius Boothman relative to the distribution of the corporate franchise taxes of domestic business corporations, was considered.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline moved that the report be recommended, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

The Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249) was considered; and the House refused to concur with the Senate in its amendments.

Mr. Merriam of Framingham moved that the House ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to the hours of employment of women and children (House, No. 1415) was considered, the question being on referring it to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Social Welfare.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Burke of Boston.

The House then refused, by a vote of 49 to 110, to refer the bill to the next General Court; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The Resolve providing for the purchase of land by the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 1467, amended) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the resolve to be engrossed Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at sixteen minutes before four o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, April 25, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield presented a petition of the water commissioners of the town of Sturbridge that said town be authorized to incur additional indebtedness for water supply purposes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Sturbridge, —
indebtedness
for water supply
purposes.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1486) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Worrall of Attleboro presented a petition of the city solicitor of the city of Attleboro that the provisions of the civil service laws be extended to the office of chief of police of that city. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Attleboro chief
of police, —
civil service.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, May 1st, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, Counties, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, Street Railways and Taxation.

Certain joint
committees, —
extension of
time for
reports.

The House Bill to provide for an additional legacy and succession tax (House, No. 1414, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall apply only to property or interests therein passing or accruing

Additional
legacy and
succession tax.

upon the death of persons who die subsequent to the passage hereof and within one year thereafter."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Boston, —
widow of
Alfred L.
Leighton.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 358) of Edith E. Leighton that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Cities;

Captain
Frederick
H. Lucke, —
retirement.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 359) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., that Captain Frederick H. Lucke be placed on the retired list with the rank of major, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Military Affairs; and

Worcester, —
additional
water supply.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Pehr G. Holmes, mayor, and others that the city of Worcester be authorized to increase its water supply, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th and 9th joint rules, to the committee on Water Supply;

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rules were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Electricians'
certificates,
— renewal.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Andrew P. Doyle that provision be made for renewing electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1487) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Charles H.
Chaplin of
Boxford.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Arthur L. Nason for the payment of a sum of money to Charles H. Chaplin of Boxford for lumber and other material furnished for the militia. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1488) was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Appropriation, — care of
the State
House.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making an additional appropriation for the maintenance and care of the State House (House, No. 1485), which was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, for the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 921) of Fred H. Smith that provision be made for charging off the value of property abandoned by street railway companies in discontinuing the use of any portion of their lines. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Street railway companies, — value of abandoned property.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the compensation of inmates of the State Prison, the Massachusetts Reformatory, the Reformatory for Women and the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 93) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Inmates of penal institutions, — compensation.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve to provide for the purchase of land for normal school purposes in the city of Fitchburg (printed as House, No. 168) be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on referring the resolve to the next General Court.

State Normal School at Fitchburg, — additional land.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647) [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting]. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Street railway companies, — common carrying.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war (House, No. 1231) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State-aided vocational education.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

To provide further for the protection of the public health in the valley of Neponset river;

Bills enacted.

Relative to the burial of indigent soldiers and of their wives, widows or dependent mothers;

Making appropriations for the compensation of members of the Constitutional Convention and for expenses in connection therewith;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the distribution of the Massachusetts School Fund (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary:

Orders of the day.

On so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as was referred to said committee; and

On so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to fees for the examination of titles by the Land Court;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Extending the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway (House, No. 1427); and

To establish a minimum salary for certain public school teachers (Senate, No. 340, amended);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for the purchase of land by the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 1467, amended), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the resolve be referred to the next General Court; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to authorize cities and towns to provide the common necessities of life and shelter during time of war, public exigency, emergency or distress (House, No. 1400) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill regulating the manner in which cities and towns shall proceed under Article 47 of the Amendments to the Constitution (House, No. 1479, changed in section 4 by striking out, in line 6, the word "less", and inserting in place thereof the word "more"); and this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Waterman of Williamstown then moved that the bill (House, No. 1479) be amended, in section 1, by inserting in line 6, before the word "shelter", the word "temporary"; and this amendment, after debate, was adopted, by a vote of 66 to 34.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown then moved that the bill (House, No. 1479) be amended by adding at the end of section 2 the words ", and shall be paid for in cash at the time of delivery".

After debate the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the question was put on the adoption of the amendment, and 100 members voted in the affirmative and 54 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Corrigan of Natick; and on the roll call 141 members voted in the affirmative and 80 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Claus, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.

Messrs. Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Mulveny, Frank
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Tolman, James E.
 Underhill, Charles L.

Messrs. Wadleigh, Albert P.
Wall, Albert T.
Warner, Joseph E.
Waterman, George B.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Wheeler, Bion T.
Whitman, Albert L.

Messrs. Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Wood, Isaac U.
Wood, Wilbur A.
Woodill, Harry C.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
Baker, John H.
Bartlett, William A.
Benton, Jay R.
Beasette, Alfred M.
Bower, Arthur
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corey, Edwin S.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, John L.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Granfield, William J.
Green, Thomas H.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Holland, William J.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.
Kelley, Charles A.

Messrs. Kelley, Edward I.
Mahoney, John P.
Mahoney, William H.
Malone, Michael F.
Manning, William J.
McAllister, John H.
McGrath, Joseph
McIntosh, David S.
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Meyers, Julius
Mitchell, John
Morrill, Charles H.
Morrison, James
Moynihan, James J.
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Pepin, Chauncey
Prescott, Francis
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Swig, Simon
Torrey, Frank A.
Walker, George
Wasserman, Jacob
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonson, Carlton W.
Worrall, George M.

141 yeas; 80 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Collins was adopted.
The bill, as amended (House, No. 1489), was then passed to be engrossed.

The Bill relative to the time and place for voting at primaries and elections (Senate, No. 344, amended) was read a second time.

Mr. Jewett of Lowell moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in line 3 (as perfected), the words "at the state election", and inserting in place thereof the words "at both the primary and state elections"; and this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford then moved that the bill, as amended, be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after debate, was adopted, by a vote of 67 to 29.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service (House, No. 1384, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Service.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matter in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to the hours of employment of women and children (House, No. 1415) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the working hours of women and children (House, No. 1480).

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 62 to 68.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session.

Mr. Lord of Athol moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next.

The question was put on the motion of Mr. Lord; and after debate the same prevailed.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service (House, No. 1384, amended) was then considered further.

Pending the question on the recommendation of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading (that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Service), Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after four o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, April 26, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 26, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— taxation of
corporations,
etc.

It is of the first importance in considering laws relating to taxation during the present session that you should if possible increase the sources of revenue for the treasury of the Commonwealth and conserve those sources which it already possesses. The Commonwealth has the primary control of the taxing power. The custom has grown up and has been followed for many years of raising only a portion of the revenue needed for its purposes from taxes payable to it, and the remainder has been levied directly upon the cities and towns. I think it would have been a better practice for the Commonwealth to provide its own revenues, dealing directly with the taxpayers, and have the cities and towns raise the revenues needed for their own local purposes. But as I have said, the practice is established the other way and the institution known as the state tax has been developed. The income tax first applied a year ago exempted from direct taxation intangible personal property which is by far the greater portion of that kind of property in the Commonwealth. It followed from that that the state tax levied ratably by the Commonwealth upon the cities and towns would fall almost entirely upon real estate. There was a smaller base from which that tax could be raised, and hence the rate would be correspondingly increased, reckoning upon values.

We should therefore endeavor in every way, both by the exercise of economy and by supplementing the sources of taxation for the Commonwealth to keep down the levy of the state tax upon the cities and towns, falling as it does upon real estate. Very many thousands of our people have provided themselves with homes. The houses in which they live represent the aggregate of their savings, and in many instances they have not been fully paid for, and balances are due upon mortgages. The increase of the tax upon real estate falls with a special weight upon this large class of our population. The home builder should so far as possible be encouraged rather than burdened through the weight of taxes. The ownership of a home however small it may be increases the independence of the owner and at the

same time his stake in the community and the state. I believe that the tendency of our levies of state taxes in recent years has been to discourage the home builder, and the income tax and the consequent exemption of the large part of the personal property from levy of the state will increase this burden. In time of war especial sacrifices are called for and are cheerfully submitted to by all of our people. They are made by thousands of our young men who have only themselves to give, and I believe they will no less cheerfully be made by all those who are able to contribute of their means.

In some of the states and notably in Connecticut special taxes have been imposed upon corporations, with their full approval, which have greatly improved the condition of the state treasury. The income tax upon corporations has been a subject of study in this Commonwealth, and many of the corporations were satisfied to have this tax imposed beginning with the year 1919. An effort is being made to delay its operation until 1920, and indeed to prevent its enactment altogether. I believe this tax should be made available for the treasury as soon as possible. If it can be made available during the current year it will be all the better. It will be not merely a just tax but one which I feel certain the owners of our corporations will patriotically submit to.

Then you should, I think, conserve our existing sources of revenue and not favor those bills which are aimed to exempt classes of property from taxation which have been heretofore subject to it. This is not the time for any source of revenue to be thrown away. The war has imposed especial burdens upon the treasury of the Commonwealth in the new demands that grow out of it. In addition to that its normal expenses have been increased very much on account of the increased cost of supplies and of all the things which the Commonwealth must buy. Probably the direct war taxes during the present year which will be paid by the interests of the Commonwealth to the national government will amount to more than one hundred fifty millions of dollars. Surely the war expenses to which the Commonwealth itself is subject should receive a moderate contribution from her own great interests, and no tax whatever has been imposed to meet the increased expenses of war, but we are relying upon a system established for peaceful times. The corporation income tax to which I have referred would I believe be just in normal times, and there is no good reason to my mind why it should be deferred. I strongly urge upon you the importance of conserving all the sources of revenue which the Commonwealth now has, and of imposing a moderate levy of new taxes where they can justly be imposed, to the end that the state tax may fall less heavily upon the cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1490) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, it was referred to the committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

State Board
of Agriculture, — re-
organization.

A report of the committee on Agriculture, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Warren E. Tarbell for the creation of a state department of agriculture in place of the present State Board of Agriculture, and recommending that the same be referred to the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Foreign corporations, —
excise.

The House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "par", in lines 7 and 19, the words ", unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the tax commissioner that such stock so issued without a par value is worth an amount less than one hundred dollars per share, in which case, for purposes of taxation, such stock shall be considered as worth its fair cash value as determined by the tax commissioner".

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Unpaid taxes,
— interest.

The House Bill relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, as amended in section seventy-one by section one of chapter six hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, by section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and thirty-seven of the general acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, and by chapter one hundred and three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby further amended by striking out said section seventy-one and substituting the following: — *Section 71.* Taxes shall be payable in every city and town and in every fire, water, watch or improvement district in which the same are assessed, and bills for the same shall be sent out, not later than the fifteenth day of October of each year, unless by vote, ordinance or by-law of the city, town or district, an earlier date of payment is fixed. On all taxes remaining unpaid after the expiration of seventeen days from said October fifteenth or after such longer time as may be fixed by any city, town or district which fixes an earlier date for payment, but not exceeding thirty days from such earlier date, interest shall be paid at the rate of six per cent per annum, computed from the date on which they become payable; but if, in any case, the tax bill is sent out later than the day prescribed, interest shall be computed only from the expiration of such seventeen days or said longer time. In no case shall interest be added to taxes paid prior to the expiration of seventeen days from the date when they are payable, nor shall taxes be payable at par, except as hereinafter provided, after the first day of

November of the year in which they are due. Bills for taxes assessed under the provisions of section eighty-five of Part I of said chapter four hundred and ninety shall be sent out not later than December twenty-sixth, and said taxes shall be payable not later than December thirty-first. If remaining unpaid after that date, interest shall be paid at the rate above specified, computed from December thirty-first until the day of payment, but if, in any case, the tax bill is sent out later than December twenty-sixth, interest shall be computed from the fifteenth day of January next following. In all cases where interest is payable it shall be added to and become a part of the tax."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, for the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1142) of James M. Curley relative to the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Street railways and electric railroads, — public ownership.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on the Bill to provide for the taking of land for a new State Prison by the Director of Prisons (House, No. 81) and on the Resolve providing for the care of defective delinquents (House, No. 1025), a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the methods of control, custody and treatment of defective delinquents and certain other persons (House, No. 1491). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Defective delinquents and others, — custody and treatment.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill establishing Smith's Agricultural School (Senate, No. 335) ought to pass.

Smith's Agricultural School.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill imposing an excise tax upon business corporations (House, No. 1438) ought to pass with amendments in Part I, section 17, and in Part II, section 17, striking out the word "twenty", and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "nineteen".

Business corporations, — excise tax.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To dissolve the Boston Sunday Evangelistic Committee, Inc.;

Relative to the duties and liabilities of members of the State Guard;

Relative to deductions from the pay of employees because of tardiness;

Making an additional appropriation for the maintenance and care of the State House;

Bills enacted.

To extend the time within which certain counties shall provide hospital care for consumptive patients; and

Authorizing cities and towns to fill by temporary appointment the places of municipal officers engaged in military or naval service;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve to provide for repairs and improvements at certain state institutions (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At eight minutes past eleven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

Senator James
E. Watson of
Indiana.

The Speaker then introduced Honorable James E. Watson, United States Senator from Indiana, who addressed the House briefly.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 921) of Fred H. Smith that provision be made for charging off the value of property abandoned by street railway companies in discontinuing the use of any portion of their lines, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve to provide for the purchase of land for normal school purposes in the city of Fitchburg (printed as House, No. 168) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647); and

To extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war (House, No. 1231);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill extending the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway (House, No. 1427) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service (House, No. 1384, amended), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The pending recommendation of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading (that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Service) was negatived.

Mr. Powers of Newton then moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1492).

Pending the question on the amendment, the same member moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill providing for the compensation of inmates of the State Prison, the Massachusetts Reformatory, the Reformatory for Women and the Prison Camp and Hospital (House, No. 93) was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, the bill was rejected.

The Bill to establish a minimum salary for certain public school teachers (Senate, No. 340, amended) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next; and this motion prevailed.

At one minute before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Crooks of Bellingham, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, April 29, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Whitman of Quincy, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Committee
on Public
Service, —
travel and
clerk.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of their duties, into every county of the Commonwealth; and also be authorized to employ a clerk for such time as they find it necessary.

Petitions.

Henri J.
Duranleau of
Attleboro.

Mr. French of Haverhill presented a petition of William F. French that Henri J. Duranleau of Attleboro be compensated for duty performed with Company I, Fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, at Framingham under the direction of the Adjutant-General. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Harper Garage
Company of
Beverly.

Mr. French also presented a petition of William F. French that compensation be paid to the Harper Garage Company of Beverly for automobile hire contracted under the direction of the Adjutant-General. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Dependent
relatives of
soldiers and
sailors, —
municipal aid.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham presented a petition of John M. Gibbs relative to appropriations by cities and towns for aiding dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the Commonwealth in the federal service. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Department of
Massachusetts,
Grand Army of
the Republic.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of Daniel E. Denny relative to publishing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Boulevard
Trust Company
of Brookline.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Merriam of Framingham, Gibbs of Waltham and John L. Donovan of Boston the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches relative to the House Bill to authorize

the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249). Sent up for concurrence.

A report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the annual compilation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of information submitted by the Commissioner of Corporations relative to voluntary associations owning or controlling public service corporations (Pub. Doc. No. 101), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Voluntary associations.

A Bill relative to the time of payment of members of the General Court (printed as House, No. 1408) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Members of the General Court, — time of payment.

The Senate Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence in the House amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Smith, Colburn and Eames had been joined.

Domestic animals, — contagious diseases.

The House report of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 464) of Cornelius Boothman relative to the distribution of the corporate franchise taxes of domestic business corporations, which had been recommitted by the House, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the suspension of said rule.

Domestic corporations, — distribution of franchise taxes.

The House receded from its action, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, and the report was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Notice was received that the House petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1453) of William L. Gleason, mayor, and another that the city of Brockton be authorized to use for hospital construction the unexpended balances of certain loans, had been referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court, the Senate having non-concurred in the suspension of said rule.

Brockton, — use of funds for hospital construction.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 359) of Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr., that Captain Frederick H. Lucke be placed on the retired list with the rank of major. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Captain Frederick H. Lucke, — retirement.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the

Worcester, — additional water supply.

12th and 9th joint rules on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Pehr G. Holmes, mayor, and others that the city of Worcester be authorized to increase its water supply. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston. The 12th and 9th joint rules were suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Street railways,
— referendum
on public
ownership.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, for the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 143) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a referendum on the public ownership and operation of street railways [Messrs. Worrall of Attleboro, John L. Donovan of Boston, Manning of Brockton and Fitz Gerald of Northampton, of the House, dissenting].

Street railways
and electric
railroads, —
public owner-
ship.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 144) of Frank A. Manning for the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads [Messrs. John L. Donovan of Boston and Manning of Brockton, of the House, dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 404) of James E. Odlin relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth; on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 461) of Robert B. Martin relative to authorizing the Commonwealth and its cities and towns to operate public utilities; on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 463) of Charles H. Morrill relative to public ownership and operation of street and elevated railways; and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 791) of Arthur L. Nason relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Stock
dividends, —
taxation.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to exempt stock dividends from taxation (House, No. 798) ought not to pass.

Acts and
resolves, —
printing and
distribution.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court (House, No. 1086, amended) ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on rejection.

Income taxes,
— repayments.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the recovery and repayment of certain sums collected under the income tax law (House, No. 653, changed) be referred to the next General Court.

Judicature
commission.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for a commission to investigate the judicature of

the Commonwealth (House, No. 1245) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to next General Court.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for a report by the State Department of Health of a plan for the disposal of sewage in the town of Ayer ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1497).

Ayer, —
sewage disposal.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Resolve authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities and towns in connection with the State Guard (Senate, No. 293) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1501).

State Guard,
— expenditures
by cities and
towns.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1500).

William C.
Jones of
Swampscott.

By Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 646), a Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1495) [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Street railway
companies, —
motor vehicles;
common
carriers.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed) ought to pass [Messrs. Pierce of Greenfield and Atwood of Boston dissenting].

Proposed state
school at Bel-
chertown, —
water supply.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Resolve authorizing additional expenditures for the maintenance of the State Guard ought to pass (House, No. 1498).

State Guard, —
maintenance.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for the purchase of military equipment for the State Guard ought to pass (House, No. 1499).

State Guard, —
equipment.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Senate, No. 346) ought to pass with amendments, in section 1, striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "five hundred"; and inserting in line 4, after the word "dollars", the word "each".

State Board
of Conciliation
and Arbitra-
tion, —
salaries.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the income tax on property held in trust (Senate, No. 343, amended) ought to pass.

Property held
in trust, —
taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen ought to pass (House, No. 1496).

Tax on
incomes, —
distribution.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to high school education in towns of less than five

High school
education in
small towns, —
state aid.

hundred families and to state aid therefor (Senate, No. 337) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Water resources,
— special in-
vestigating
commission.

By Mr. Monk of Watertown, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, on the special report of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands relative to conserving, utilizing and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and natural streams of the Commonwealth, a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1502). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for an additional legacy and succession tax; and Making appropriations for the production and conservation of food products, for the purchase of farm machinery and for miscellaneous expenses authorized by law; (Which severally originated in the House); Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1142) of James M. Curley relative to the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to interest on unpaid taxes (House, No. 1417, amended) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill establishing Smith's Agricultural School (Senate, No. 335); and

The Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the methods of control, custody and treatment of defective delinquents and certain other persons (House, No. 1491);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill imposing an excise tax upon business corporations (House, No. 1438) was read a second time. The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war (House, No. 1231) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1494).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service (House, No. 1384, amended) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Powers of Newton, that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1492), was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419) were considered; and after debate the House refused to concur therein.

The Bill relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Martin of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Ballantyne of Boston, the bill was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 104 to 30. Sent up for concurrence.

At three minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, April 30, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Members of
the House of
1917 in the
federal service,
— service flag.

Ordered, That, at half-past two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, May 2, a recess be taken for the purpose of receiving and dedicating a service flag commemorating the patriotism and sacrifice of those members of the House of 1917 who are now in the federal service.

Papers from the Senate.

Revere, —
compensation
of reserve police
officers.

A Bill relative to the compensation of reserve police officers in the city of Revere (printed as House, No. 1460) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Butterworth of Revere, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

Essex county
treasurer, —
clerical
assistance.

A Bill relative to clerical assistance for the treasurer of the county of Essex (Senate, No. 357) (new draft of a bill substituted for a House report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition, recommitted, accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 212), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Bills:

Motor vehicles,
— open thoroughfares in
winter.

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to keep certain highways on main through routes passable for motor vehicles during the winter months (Senate, No. 331, changed) (reported on a petition); and

Soldiers and
sailors, —
re-education.

To authorize the federal government to use certain institutions and other state resources and to establish a bureau for the re-education of certain soldiers and sailors (Senate, No. 361) (new draft of a bill reported on so much of the Governor's address, Senate, No. 1, as relates to the subject);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

First District
Court of
Northern
Middlesex,
— salary of
justice.

The House Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No. 314, changed) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, adding at the end thereof the words “, except that during the present war and for one year

after its termination, as defined by federal authority, his salary shall be at the rate of two thousand dollars annually”.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

The House Bill to regulate the distribution of public documents (House, No. 1433, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: “SECTION 1. Chapter nine of the Revised Laws as amended in section eight by chapter four hundred and twenty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, by section two of chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, and by chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by striking out said section eight and substituting the following:—*Section 8.* The secretary of the commonwealth shall furnish to each city and town of the commonwealth, to be preserved in a public place therein, one copy of each of such reports included in the public document series as the city or town clerk may apply for. He shall furnish one copy of each of said reports to such public and other libraries as may apply therefor. If the commissioner of public records shall report to the secretary of the commonwealth that in his opinion such city or town is unable to make suitable provision for the care and use of the documents, he may discontinue sending them to such city or town. Each member of the general court and of the executive department, the clerk of each house and each reporter assigned to either branch may upon a written request signed by him and delivered to the secretary of the commonwealth receive a copy of any such document. Ten copies shall be placed in the state library for the use of the library and for exchange.”

Public documents,—
distribution.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

The House Bill to authorize domestic corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (House, No. 1476) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments inserting after the word “time”, in line 16, the words “within six months”; and adding the following new section: “SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

Domestic corporations,—
contributions
in time of war.

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown; and they were adopted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 364) of George Fred Hart for legislation relative to the dissemination of information concerning certain diseases by state or municipal health authorities, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Public Health; and

Certain diseases,—
dissemination
of information.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 365) of Frank H. Hardison that the salary of the actuary of the Insurance De-

Insurance Department,—
salary of
actuary.

partment be established, came down, referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Public Service;

And the questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspensions of said rule were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Attleboro chief
of police, —
civil service.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the city solicitor of the city of Attleboro that the provisions of the civil service laws be extended to the office of chief of police of that city. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1503) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Winchester, —
title to
metropolitan
park land.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the Winchester Water and Sewer Board relative to the title to certain land taken in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1504) was referred to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston, —
widow of
Alfred L.
Leighton.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 358) of Edith E. Leighton that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence, and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Cities.

Second
Society of
Universalists
in the Town
of Boston.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 349) of the Massachusetts Universalist Convention, by George E. Leighton, secretary, and others that the Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston be authorized to hold additional property. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Art Commis-
sion for the
Common-
wealth, —
report.

By Mr. Whitney of Clinton, for the committee on State House and Libraries, no legislation necessary, on the third report of the Art Commission for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1456). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Marlborough,
— promotion
of call firemen.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough (House, No. 1425).

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for the revision and correction of the Pleasant street assessments in the city of Boston and for jury trials thereon (House, No. 1482). Boston, — revision of Pleasant street assessments.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to provide that bail or deposits forfeited in cases of illegitimacy may be applied to the support of the child (Senate, No. 354) ought to pass. Cases of illegitimacy. — use of forfeited bail.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve directing the Attorney-General to investigate certain monopolistic conditions created by the operation of certain laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1458) ought to pass with an amendment adding at the end of the resolve the words “, to be paid out of the miscellaneous expenses of the Attorney-General’s department”.

Attorney-General, — investigation of monopolistic conditions.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company (printed as Senate, No. 318, changed by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “seven thousand two hundred eighty-two dollars and sixty cents”, and inserting in place thereof the words “seventeen hundred and two dollars”). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Monk of Watertown moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed the Bill relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647); and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 52 to 107.

Street railway companies, — common carrying.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the publication of annual reports of state officials and departments;

Bills enacted.

To increase the salary of the messenger of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

Relative to the authority of the State Nursery Inspector in respect to importation of nursery stock; and

To increase the salary of the present officer in attendance on the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recesses.

At twenty-one minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of greeting ten American soldiers recently returned from the battle line in France.

Sergeants
Edward B.
Creed and
Kenneth B.
Jopp.

The Speaker then introduced Sergeant Edward B. Creed of Boston, of the 101st Regiment of Infantry, and Sergeant Kenneth B. Jopp of Winchester, of the 101st Regiment of Field Artillery, who addressed the House briefly.

At four minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

Sir George
Adam Smith
of Scotland.

The Speaker then introduced Sir George Adam Smith, Vice Chancellor and Principal of Aberdeen University, Scotland, Chaplain in the British Territorial Forces, who addressed the House briefly.

*Orders of the Day.**Reports:*

Orders of
the day.

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 143) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a referendum on the public ownership and operation of street railways;

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 144) of Frank A. Manning for the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 404) of James E. Odlin relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth; on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 461) of Robert B. Martin relative to authorizing the Commonwealth and its cities and towns to operate public utilities; on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 463) of Charles H. Morrill relative to public ownership and operation of street and elevated railways; and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 791) of Arthur L. Nason relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 464) of Cornelius Boothman relative to the distribution of the corporate franchise taxes of domestic business corporations;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the annual compilation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of information submitted by the Commissioner of Corporations relative to voluntary associations owning or controlling public service corporations (Pub. Doc. No. 101), was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the recovery and repayment of certain sums collected under the income tax law (House, No. 653, changed); and

To provide for a commission to investigate the judicature of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1245);

Were severally referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Relative to high school education in towns of less than five hundred families and to state aid therefor (Senate, No. 337);

Relative to the income tax on property held in trust (Senate, No. 343, amended); and

Relative to the time of payment of members of the General Court (printed as House, No. 1408); and

Resolve providing for a report by the State Department of Health of a plan for the disposal of sewage in the town of Ayer (House, No. 1497);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Senate, No. 346) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate and consider the methods of treating defective delinquents and criminals (House, No. 1491) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill establishing Smith's Agricultural School (Senate, No. 335) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the hours of employment of women and children (House, No. 1415) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Greenwood of Everett was withdrawn by that member, there being no objection.

Mr. Greenwood then moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to regulate further the hours of labor of women and of children under eighteen years of age (House, No. 1493).

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the amendment be amended, in section 4, by striking out, in line 1, the word "January", and inserting in place thereof the word "September".

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the amendment be amended, in section 4, by striking out the words "on January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen", and inserting in place

thereof the words "six months after the close of the present war".

After debate Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner moved that the amendment be amended by inserting after section 3 the following new section: "SECTION 4. This act, however, shall not apply to any industrial establishment engaged in the manufacture of any article or material necessary to the carrying on of the war."

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn.

The amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was then rejected, by a vote of 9 to 62; the amendment moved by Mr. Hartshorn was rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Underhill was rejected, by a vote of 52 to 82; and the amendment moved by Mr. Greenwood was adopted. The bill (House, No. 1493) was then passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish a minimum salary for certain public school teachers (Senate, No. 340, amended) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield moved that the bill, as amended by the Senate, be amended by striking out, at the end thereof, the words "one million", and inserting in place thereof the words "two million".

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to exempt stock dividends from taxation (House, No. 798) was considered; and, pending the question on the rejection of the bill, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, —

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow, at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bliss of Malden, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth is hereby extended until the fifteenth day of May.

Fish industry of the Commonwealth, — report of investigation.

Petitions.

Mr. Arnold of Boston presented a petition of Emma B. Gragg that the employment of retired public school teachers be authorized in certain instances. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Retired public school teachers, — employment.

Mr. Pierce of Greenfield presented a petition of Frederick E. Pierce that the strength of the State Guard be established. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State Guard, — strength.

Mr. Lane of Beverly presented a petition of James McPherson and others relative to the salaries of the mayor and other officers of the city of Beverly. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Beverly, — salaries of mayor and others.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1507) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, May 8th, — Administration and Commissions, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly,

Certain joint committees, — extension of time for reports.

Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, 'Counties, Election Laws, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, and Street Railways.

Reports of Committees.

Department of
Massachusetts,
Grand Army of
the Republic.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Daniel E. Denny relative to publishing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1508) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

New Bedford
and Fairhaven
ferry, —
operation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve relative to the operation of the ferry between the town of Fairhaven and the city of New Bedford (House, No. 20, changed) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1506) [Messrs. Warner of Taunton and Murphy of Lowell, dissenting].

Commercial
fertilisers,
— sale.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the sale of commercial fertilizers ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1505).

Watertown
school attend-
ance officer, —
civil service.

By Mr. Magee of Winthrop, for the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to extend the provisions of the civil service act to the attendance officer of the public schools of the town of Watertown (House, No. 1451).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to interest on unpaid taxes;

To authorize domestic corporations to make certain contributions in time of war;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the compensation of reserve police officers in the city of Revere (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

President
Samuel Gomp-
ers of the
American
Federation
of Labor.

At eighteen minutes before three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, a recess was taken subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, who addressed the House briefly.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on State House and Libraries, no legislation necessary, on the third report of the Art Commission for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1456) was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex (House, No. 314, changed) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough (House, No. 1425) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve directing the Attorney-General to investigate certain monopolistic conditions created by the operation of certain laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1458) was read a second time. The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for a report by the State Department of Health of a plan for the disposal of sewage in the town of Ayer (House, No. 1497) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the income tax on property held in trust (Senate, No. 343, amended); and

Relative to the time of payment of members of the General Court (printed as House, No. 1408);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to exempt stock dividends from taxation (House, No. 798), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill relative to the printing and distribution of the laws passed by the General Court (House, No. 1086, amended) was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the bill was rejected, by a vote of 93 to 10.

The Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed) was read a second time.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the bill be amended by adding at the ending of section 7 the words “, but shall become void unless the commission on mental diseases shall select a source of water supply and begin the construction of the water works herein authorized within two years after the date of its passage”.

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate Mr. Carrick of Cambridge moved the previous question; and this motion was adopted, by a vote of 65 to 50.

The amendment moved by Mr. Bitzer was adopted, by a vote of 63 to 25; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 67 to 40.

The Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1495) was read a second time.

Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "person, firm or corporation, including street railway companies," and inserting in place thereof the words "street railway company".

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 60 to 77.

On the question on ordering the bill to a third reading 87 members voted in the affirmative and 53 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Bunting of Methuen; and on the roll call 106 members voted in the affirmative and 91 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Adams, Peter I.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Bitzer, Jacob
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bowser, Eden K.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Carrick, George H.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Cooke, Harry A.
Corey, Edwin S.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Dennis, George F.
Dow, James B.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Ferry, James R.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.

Messrs. Fleming, William
Foster, William
Frothingham, Charles B.
Furness, Howard F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gould, Charles W.
Granfield, William J.
Hall, Clarence M.
Harriman, Rowland P.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Haskins, William M.
Haynes, Walter
Hays, Martin
Higgins, Matthew A.
Howland, Edgar F.
Hudson, John R.
Hull, John C.
Johnson, John G.
Johnson, William L.
Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
Kent, Robert T.
Kiernan, James F.
Kneeland, William A.
Lane, Martin R.
Leavitt, Thomas
Lyman, Frank E.
Makepeace, Lloyd
Maloney, David J.
Manning, Frank A.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Marsh, George S.
Martin, Robert B.
McAllister, John H.
McKinney, Francis B.

Messrs. Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.

Messrs. Richards, George Louis
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Ballantyne, John
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 French, William F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.

Messrs. Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hearn, William H.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Lord, William G.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.

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Messrs. Walker, George
Wall, Albert T.
Wheeler, Bion T.

Messrs. Whitman, Albert L.
Winchester, Charles A.

106 yeas; 91 nays.

Therefore the bill was ordered to a third reading.

At ten minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline (Mr. Bliss being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Makepeace of Malden), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, May 2, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Dedication of a Service Flag.

At half-past two o'clock, in accordance with the provisions of an order adopted on April 30, a recess was taken for the purpose of receiving and dedicating a service flag commemorating the patriotism and sacrifice of those members of the House of 1917 who are now in the federal service.

Dedication of a service flag presented by Mrs. John H. Sherburne of Brookline.

The Speaker stated that Mrs. John H. Sherburne of Brookline had requested the privilege of presenting a service flag to the House; and he appointed Messrs. Rowley of Brookline, Foster of Springfield and Murphy of Lowell a committee to escort Mrs. Sherburne to the House Chamber.

Presently the committee returned with Mrs. Sherburne, who addressed the members briefly, presenting a silk flag having eleven stars.

The Speaker responded as follows:—

With gratitude we accept from you, Mrs. Sherburne, this service flag, with its eleven shining stars. The banner shall hold a prominent place in this Chamber, for it attests the patriotic response of members of this House to the call of their country. They have gone:

RUSSELL T. BATES of Quincy.
DANIEL W. CASEY of Boston.
KENNETH P. HILL of Cambridge.
DANIEL W. LINCOLN of Worcester.
ALFRED J. MOORE of Boston.
WARD M. PARKER of New Bedford.
JAMES TRACY POTTER of North Adams.
JOHN H. SHERBURNE of Brookline.
CHARLES H. SLOWEY of Lowell.
ROGER WOLCOTT of Milton.
DANIEL J. YOUNG of Boston.

They have gone to serve worthily and gloriously in a great cause. We honor them. While they are away, this service flag shall remain not merely as a silent reminder of the splendid associations which we have lost for a time, but as a mighty inspiration for us, who sit where they served, to do nobly the work left undone at home, an inspiration for us to stand ready to do all and make any sacrifice, even as they, for the cause of civilization and liberty.

May we be worthy of the glory they have shed upon the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Let us give all that we have to hasten the day when that precious emblem of free-

dom and humanity, under which they fight, may be returned with victory to wave triumphantly in lasting peace over a reborn, a reconsecrated and a free America.

At the request of the Speaker the flag was then dedicated in prayer by the Chaplain.

Special Report.

Bank Commissioner, —
report on un-
claimed
deposits in
savings banks.

The seventh report of the Bank Commissioner, under section 39 of chapter 590 of the acts of 1908, relating to unclaimed deposits in the savings banks of the Commonwealth (supplement of Pub. Doc. No. 8), received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Medford city
clerk, —
tenure of
office.

Mr. Burrell of Medford presented a petition of Fred J. Burrell relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Medford. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Fairhaven, —
clams and
quahaugs.

Mr. Kelley of Fairhaven presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Fairhaven relative to the planting and cultivation of clams and quahaugs in said town. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

George F.
Doherty.

A report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 33) of John I. Fitzgerald that George F. Doherty may be transferred from the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Hotels and
lodging houses,
— licensing
and inspection.

To provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended) (reported on a part of a message from the Governor, House, No. 1320, relative to the suppression of venereal diseases); and

Street rail-
way cars, —
negligent
obstruction.

To prevent the negligent obstruction of street railway cars (printed as House, No. 920, changed and amended) (reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Trust com-
panies, —
taxation.

The House Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out section 2, and in section 3 (as printed)

striking out all after the word "effect", and inserting in place thereof the words "upon its passage."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

The House Bill to provide for instruction in Spanish in the public high schools (House, No. 1477) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, inserting after the word "hundred", in line 2, the words "and fifty".

High schools,
— instruction
in Spanish.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

The House Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Tetler, Cavanagh and Wilson had been joined.

Boulevard
Trust Com-
pany of Brook-
line.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Packard of Brockton, for the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, no legislation necessary, on the report of the special commission appointed to investigate the subject of agricultural education as conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the development of the agricultural resources of the Commonwealth. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College;
agricultural
resources.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a petition, a Bill relative to the granting of licenses for the taking of lobsters (House, No. 1473, changed by adding at the end thereof the following: "SECTION 2. Out of the fee paid in as provided in the foregoing section the sum of fifteen cents shall be retained by the clerk of the city or town in which the registration is recorded.").

Taking of
lobsters, —
licenses.

By Mr. Jordan of Lawrence, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Sharon to invest certain moneys in Liberty Loan bonds (House, No. 1439).

Sharon, —
investment
in Liberty
Loan bonds.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Adams of Stockbridge, for the committee on Agriculture, on a part of the recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151), a Bill relative to special exhibitions of agricultural products (House, No. 154). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Agricultural
products, —
special
exhibitions.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, the Bill to

Stock divi-
dends, —
exemption
from taxation.

exempt stock dividends from taxation (House, No. 798); and this motion prevailed.

On the recurring question the House refused to reject the bill.

Rule 43 was then suspended, on motion of the same member, and the bill was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred to the next General Court, on further motion of Mr. Powers.

Orders of the Day.

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The Senate amendment of the House Bill to regulate the distribution of public documents (House, No. 1433, amended) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the provisions of the civil service act to the attendance officer of the public schools of the town of Watertown (House, No. 1451);

To extend the time for the revision and correction of the Pleasant street assessments in the city of Boston and for jury trials thereon (House, No. 1482);

Relative to sale of commercial fertilizers (House, No. 1505); and

To provide that bail or deposits forfeited in cases of illegitimacy may be applied to the support of the child (Senate, No. 354); and

Resolves:

In favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott (House, No. 1500); and

Authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities and towns in connection with the State Guard (House, No. 1501);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Senate, No. 346, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

The Bill relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen (House, No. 1496) was read a second time.

Mr. Moran of Mansfield moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "town", in line 4, the words ", and to each fire, water, improvement, light and watch district having the power of taxation,"; and by inserting after the word "town", in lines 6 and 10, the words "or district".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve authorizing additional expenditures for the maintenance of the State Guard (House, No. 1498) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the resolve be amended by inserting after the word "proper", in line 11, the words ", but not to exceed three hundred dollars to any one town".

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on further motion of Mr. Sawyer, the amendment was adopted.

The House then refused, by a vote of 48 to 62, to order the bill, as amended, to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for the purchase of military equipment for the State Guard (House, No. 1499) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to high school education in towns of less than five hundred families and to state aid therefor (Senate, No. 337) was read a third time.

Mr. Baldwin of Brockton moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve relative to the operation of the ferry between the town of Fairhaven and the city of New Bedford (House, No. 1506) was read a second time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware.

On the question on ordering the resolve to a third reading 49 members voted in the affirmative and 60 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Jewett of Lowell; and on the roll call 76 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, J. Weston
Arnold, Seth F.
Austin, Charles M.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Baldwin, George S.
Beaman, Charles H.
Benton, Jay R.
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Burrell, Fred J.
Cheney, Herman S.
Cooke, Harry A.
Corey, Edwin S.
Cowdrey, Henry E.
Craig, William F.
Crowley, John T.
Dennis, George F.

Messrs. Donovan, Thomas F.
Dow, James B.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Englert, John P.
Ferry, James R.
Freeling, Joseph E.
Furness, Howard F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gould, Charles W.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Haynes, Walter
Hays, Martin
Hudson, John R.
Jewett, Victor Francis
Johnson, John G.
Johnson, William L.
Kent, Robert T.
Kiernan, James F.
Lyman, Frank E.
Magee, Winthrop
Makepeace, Lloyd

Messrs. Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Mitchell, John
 Nelson, Christian
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Perham, Walter
 Prescott, Francis

Messrs. Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Donovan, John L.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William

Messrs. French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kellogg, Nathaniel P.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.

Messrs. Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Powers, Leland
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.

Messrs. Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Worrall, George M.

76 yeas; 132 nays.

Therefore the House refused to order the resolve to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed and amended) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Granfield of Springfield moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1495) was read a third time.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next, first in the orders of the day.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next.

After debate Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock be suspended; and this motion was negatived.

After further debate the motion of Mr. Quigley was negatived, by a vote of 20 to 79; and the motion of Mr. Gibbs was adopted.

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, May 3, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:—

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 3, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— recognition
of the decoration
of Massachusetts
soldiers by the
Republic of
France.

A few days ago the news was received that a large detachment of our soldiers from Massachusetts had been decorated by the Republic of France for distinguished bravery in battle. The Croix de Guerre was conferred upon members of the 104th Infantry, National Guard, known to us better as the old Second Regiment of Massachusetts, and upon members of the 101st Engineers, National Guard, better known as the old First Corps of Cadets of Massachusetts. This honor is not lightly given. It is an especial mark of distinction, for it is only conferred where great courage is displayed under fire.

It would seem to me a very fitting and proper thing for the Commonwealth, through your honorable bodies, to take cognizance of this great honor shown the members of our National Guard, and I recommend that in some suitable way you give expression to the appreciation of the Commonwealth.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1509) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, it was referred to the joint committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Chief of the
District Police,
— recommendations.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Chief of the District Police (House, No. 180) as was referred to the committee (accompanied by bills and resolve, House, Nos. 181, 182 and 185), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

George Goodfellow,
— employment.

A Bill relative to the employment of George Goodfellow in the service of certain cities and towns (Senate, No. 34) (reported on a petition, recommitted), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Suffolk district,
— district attorneys'

A Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) (new

draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 116), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

salary and
assistants.

The House Bill to enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens (House, No. 1447) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following new section: "SECTION 1. Section two of chapter three hundred and ten of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'commission', in the fifth line, the words:— and the commission may take mortgages upon said land with or without buildings thereon for such portion of the purchase price and upon such terms as it shall deem advisable,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* The commission may sell land acquired hereunder, or any parts thereof, with or without buildings thereon, for cash, or upon such instalments, terms and contracts, and subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be determined upon by the commission, and the commission may take mortgages upon said land with or without buildings thereon for such portion of the purchase price and upon such terms as it shall deem advisable, but no tract of land shall be sold for less than its cost, including the cost of any buildings thereon. All proceeds from the sale of land and buildings or other sources shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth."

Homesteads
for citizens,—
powers of the
Homestead
Commission.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John M. Gibbs relative to appropriations by cities and towns for aiding dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the Commonwealth in the federal service. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1510) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance. Sent up for concurrence.

Dependent
relatives of
soldiers and
sailors,—
municipal aid.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 364) of George Fred Hart for legislation relative to the dissemination of information concerning certain diseases by state or municipal health authorities. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

Certain
diseases,—
dissemination
of information.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Emma B. Gragg that the employment of retired public school teachers

Retired public
school teachers,
— employment.

be authorized in certain instances. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, — evaluation of property and public operation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Bill to provide for a physical evaluation of the property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1048), and of the Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1442), and recommending that the same be severally referred to a special committee consisting of the House members of the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways. Considered forthwith, and accepted.

State Board of Agriculture, — recommendations.

By Mr. Packard of Brockton, for the committee on Agriculture, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 152 to 157, inclusive). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Essex county treasurer, — clerical assistance.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to clerical assistance for the treasurer of the county of Essex (Senate, No. 357) be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on referring the bill to the next General Court.

Miscellaneous appropriations.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to the acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1513).

Boards of registration or examination, — fees for certified statements.

By the same member, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill providing for the payment of certain fees for certified statements issued by the various boards of registration or examination (House, No. 1511).

Armory Commissioners, — expenditures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill relative to the expenditures of the Armory Commissioners (House, No. 1512).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

White pine blister rust.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust (Senate, No. 323) ought to pass with an amendment, in section 3, striking out, in line 4, the word "five", and inserting in place thereof the word "eight". Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Kneeland of Winchester, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to safeguards against accidents in industrial pursuits, and on petitions (accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 202, and House, No. 1092), a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the operation of the laws relative to workmen's compensation and to protection against industrial accidents. Read; and referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules.

Industrial accidents, — workmen's compensation and protection.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Establishing Smith's Agricultural School; and

Bills enacted.

To establish a minimum salary for certain public school teachers;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Walter H. Young of Dedham;

Resolves passed.

Providing for the construction of a new heating and power plant at the Reformatory for Women; and

Providing for the compensation and expenses of the metropolitan parks apportionment commission;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 33) of John I. Fitzgerald that George F. Doherty may be transferred from the employ of the Boston Transit Commission to any city or town in the metropolitan district without civil service examination, was accepted, in concurrence.

Orders of the day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to provide for instruction in Spanish in the public high schools (House, No. 1477) was adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the town of Sharon to invest certain moneys in Liberty Loan bonds (House, No. 1439) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Sharon; and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Quinn.

Bills:

To extend the provisions of the civil service laws to the attendance officer of the public schools of the town of Watertown

(House, No. 1451) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To extend the time for the revision of the Pleasant street assessments in the city of Boston and to provide for jury trials thereon (House, No. 1482) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen (House, No. 1496, amended); and

Relative to the sale of commercial fertilizers (House, No. 1505) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

The Resolve authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities and towns and individuals for the State Guard (House, No. 1501) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide that bail or deposits forfeited in cases of illegitimacy may be applied to the support of the child (Senate, No. 354) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve directing the Attorney-General to investigate the operation of certain laws of the Commonwealth as tending to the creation of monopolies (House, No. 1458, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

After debate the resolve was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committees on Agriculture and Education, sitting jointly, no legislation necessary, on the report of the special commission appointed to investigate the subject of agricultural education as conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the development of the agricultural resources of the Commonwealth, was considered.

Mr. Packard of Brockton moved that the report be recommitted, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365, amended) were considered.

At the request of Mr. Rowley of Brookline the amendments were considered separately.

After debate the House refused to concur in the amendment striking out section 2; and then concurred in the amendment of section 3 (striking out all after the word "effect", and inserting in place thereof the words "upon its passage").

The Bill relative to the granting of licenses for the taking of lobsters (House, No. 1473, changed) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prevent the negligent obstruction of street railway cars (printed as House, No. 920, changed and amended) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Feinberg of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 3, 4 and 5, the words "by inserting after the word 'wilfully', in the first line thereof, the words: — or negligently".

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Underhill of Somerville, the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 46 to 54.

On the question on ordering the bill to a third reading the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston; and on the roll call 95 members voted in the affirmative and 83 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.

Messrs. Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.

Messrs. Whitman, Albert L.
Wood, Isaac U.
Wood, Wilbur A.

Messrs. Woodill, Harry C.
Young, Benjamin Loring

NATS.

Messrs. Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Bagshaw, James T.
Ballantyne, John
Bellows, Alton L.
Bentley, James D.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Claude, Frederic F.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Gould, Charles W.
Granger, Clarence H.
Hearn, William H.
Higgins, Matthew A.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.

Messrs. Kelley, Edward I.
Kiernan, James F.
Lane, Martin R.
Leavitt, Thomas
Magee, Winthrop
Mahoney, John P.
Mahoney, William H.
Malone, Michael F.
Manning, William J.
Martin, Robert B.
McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McKinney, Francis B.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Meyers, Julius
Monk, Wesley E.
Morrill, Charles H.
Moynihan, James J.
Mulveny, Frank
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
Nelson, Oscar H.
Nutting, Edward H.
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Odlin, James E.
Paine, Arthur W.
Pepin, Chauncey
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Shedd, Harry L.
Swig, Simon
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Walker, George
Whitney, George A.
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonson, Carlton W.

95 yeas; 83 nays.

Therefore the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott (House, No. 1500) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. Pierce of Greenfield moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next; and this motion prevailed.

At twenty-six minutes before one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Hamilton of Palmer, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, May 6, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Expenses of Committees.

A communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, transmitting a statement, as required by the 3d joint rule, of all bills presented to the Auditor of the Commonwealth during the month of April for the travelling expenses of committees of the General Court (House, No. 1515), was read; and the same was sent to the Senate.

Committees of the General Court, — traveling expenses.

Petitions.

Mr. Hirsch of Dedham presented a petition of Henry B. Endicott that the soliciting of money for charitable purposes be regulated. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Soliciting of money for charitable purposes, — regulation.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of John J. O'Brien that the filing of bonds be required in certain appeals to the Supreme Judicial Court from the decrees of courts of equity. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Appeals from courts of equity — filing of bonds.

Mr. Babb of Boston presented a petition of George W. P. Babb that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate John F. Cox in its fire department. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Boston fire department, — John F. Cox.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commission on Probation on the methods of parole from county jails and houses of correction (Senate, No. 284); and

County penal institutions, — methods of parole.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the release of prisoners from county prisons;

County prisoners, — release.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

A Bill to place Captain Frederick H. Lucke on the retired list of the Massachusetts National Guard with the rank of major

Captain Frederick H. Lucke, — retirement.

(Senate, No. 359) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State em-
ployees, —
classification
of positions
and salaries.

A Bill to provide for the classification and control of certain offices and positions and to afford an opportunity for advancement and promotion in the service of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 370) (new draft of a bill reported on a part of the report of the Council relative to the standardization of salaries and compensations of state and county officers and employees, House, No. 1175), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Leominster, —
improvement of
Prospect street.

The House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "commonwealth", in line 13, the words "from the motor vehicle fees fund"; and striking out section 2.

The amendments were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Foreign corpo-
rations, —
excise.

The House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments in section 1 (inserting after the word "par", in lines 7 and 19, the words "unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the tax commissioner that such stock so issued without a par value is worth an amount less than one hundred dollars per share, in which case, for purposes of taxation, such stock shall be considered as worth its fair cash value as determined by the tax commissioner").

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendments, and asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches.

Domestic
corporations,
— contribu-
tions in time
of war.

The engrossed Bill to authorize domestic corporations to make certain contributions in time of war (which originated in the House) (see House, No. 1476, amended) came down amended, in section 1, by striking out the word "that" before the word "year", in line 10 (as printed), and inserting in place thereof the words "the preceding".

On motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The rules were suspended, on further motion of the same member, and the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of Mr. Monk.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Fish industry
of the Com-
monwealth, —

Ordered, That the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish

industry in this Commonwealth is hereby extended until the fifteenth day of May. report of investigation.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the special committee consisting of the House members of the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, that the Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1442) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1514) [Messrs. Butterworth of Revere, Burke of Boston, Feinberg of Boston and John L. Donovan of Boston dissenting]. Boston Elevated Railway Company, — public operation.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 193), a Bill to authorize the city of Attleboro to purchase or acquire a part of a street railway line (House, No. 1516). Attleboro, — acquisition of a street railway.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, concurred with the Senate in an amendment of the House Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365, amended), — in section 3, striking out all after the word "effect", and inserting in place thereof the words "upon its passage"; and this motion prevailed. Trust companies, — franchise taxation.

On the recurring question the House refused to concur in the amendment.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To regulate the distribution of public documents;

Bills enacted.

To increase the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county of Suffolk;

To authorize domestic corporations to make certain contributions in time of war;

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex;

Regulating the manner in which cities and towns shall proceed under Article XLVII of the Amendments of the Constitution;

Extending the time within which the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall construct a part of its railway;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the income tax on property held in trust; and

Relative to the time of payment of members of the General Court;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Agriculture, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the State Board of Agriculture (House, No. 151) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 152 to 157, inclusive), was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the recommendations of the Chief of the District Police (House, No. 180) as was referred to the committee (accompanied by bills and resolve, House, Nos. 181, 182 and 185), was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to clerical assistance for the treasurer of the county of Essex (Senate, No. 357) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens (House, No. 1447) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Providing for the payment of certain fees for certified statements issued by the various boards of registration or examination (House, No. 1511);

Relative to the expenditures of the Armory Commissioners (House, No. 1512);

In addition to the acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1513); and

Relative to the employment of George Goodfellow in the service of certain cities and towns (Senate, No. 34);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust (Senate, No. 323) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough (House, No. 1425) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of

the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1495) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Baldwin of Brookline moved that the bill be amended as follows: —

In section 2, by striking out all after the word "to", in line 11, and inserting in place thereof the words "such orders, rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed or adopted by the licensing authorities of any city or town which has accepted the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen. Any petitioner, or any street railway company aggrieved by such orders, rules or regulations, may appeal to the public service commission whose decision shall be final. Such appeal may be taken within thirty days from the time such orders, rules or regulations become effective. All orders, rules or regulations made, established or prescribed hereunder shall be enforced in the manner provided in section twenty-eight of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen"; and

By inserting after section 2 the following: "SECTION 3. In cities or towns in which a street railway exists, or in which a line of motor vehicles has been established under the provisions of section one of this act, where a city or town has not accepted the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen the public service commission shall have original jurisdiction over persons, firms or corporations mentioned in section two, and may prescribe rules and regulations until the city or town has accepted the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, on the happening of which event original jurisdiction shall revert to the city or town."

Mr. Odlin of Lynn then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed and amended) was considered.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Bitzer of Arlington moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The Resolve in favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott (House, No. 1500) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate Mr. Pierce of Greenfield moved that the resolve be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, the resolve was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the granting of licenses for the taking of lobsters (House, No. 1473, changed) was read a third time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill (as changed) be amended by striking out section 2.

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 11 the following: "SECTION 12. The provisions of this act shall apply only insofar as a hotel or lodging house offers accommodations to soldiers, sailors or marines in the service of the United States or of its allies, and to only such persons availing themselves of said accommodations as are in said service."

After debate Mr. Blague of Springfield moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, the amendment was rejected.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 95 to 29.

The Bill to prevent the negligent obstruction of street railway cars (printed as House, No. 920, changed and amended) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to prevent the negligent obstruction of street railways and the use thereof, which was read.

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

At half-past four o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, May 7, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Leave of Absence.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Athol, Mr. Hamilton of Palmer was granted leave of absence until May 13, having suffered loss of his property by lightning and fire.

John O.
Hamilton of
Palmer.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the city of Worcester and the town of Erving, on or before May 15.

Committee
on Water
Supply, —
travel.

A report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 56) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 57 to 60, inclusive), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Board of
Parole, —
recommen-
dations.

The House report of the committee on Military Affairs, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the State Guard, and on the recommendations of the Adjutant-General (House, No. 195) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 196 and 197), came down recommitted, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and the House concurred in the suspension of said rule and in the recommitment.

Governor's
address, —
State Guard;
Adjutant-
General, —
recommen-
dations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Powers of Newton, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Bill relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals (printed as House, No. 1394), — recommending that the House recede from its amendment; and that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words "scientific authorities to be contagious and", and inserting in place thereof the words "the United States bureau of animal industry to be contagious or".

Domestic
animals, —
definition of
contagious
diseases.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Powers, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate,

Boston, —
widow of
Alfred L.
Leighton.

No. 358) of Edith E. Leighton that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Dog law, —
amendment.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to amend and supplement the law relating to dogs (House, No. 1420) ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title (House, No. 1517).

Insurance
companies, —
joint and
several
policies.
Soldiers and
sailors, —
renewal of
electricians'
certificates.

By Mr. Waterman of Williamstown, for the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill relative to issuing joint and several policies by insurance companies (House, No. 1449).

By Mr. Blague of Springfield, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the renewal of certain electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1487, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "held by any person", and inserting in place thereof the words "expiring while the holder thereof is").

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Cavanaugh
Brothers
Horse
Company.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company (printed as Senate, No. 318, changed) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Charles H.
Chaplin of
Boxford.

By Mr. Lane of Beverly, for the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Charles H. Chaplin of Boxford (House, No. 1488). Read; and referred under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reconsideration.

Hotels and
lodging
houses, —
regulation.

Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed, the Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended); and this motion, after debate, was adopted, by a vote of 97 to 40.

Pending the recurring question the bill was recommitted to the committee on Bills on the Third Reading, on further motion of the same member.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for instruction in Spanish in the public high schools;
To provide that bail or deposits forfeited in cases of illegitimacy may be applied to the support of the child;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to high school education in towns of less than five hundred families and to state aid therefor (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of David J. Sheehan of Lynn (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commission on Probation on the methods of parole from county jails and houses of correction (Senate, No. 284); and Order of the day.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of The Massachusetts Prison Association relative to the release of prisoners from county prisons;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to the acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1513) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1495) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the amendment of section 2, previously moved by Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, be amended by inserting after the words "whose decision shall be final" the words ", except such as relate to the issuing of licenses and the fees to be paid for the same; the amounts of the bonds to be filed; the routes on which licensed vehicles shall run if any are prescribed, and the amounts of the fares to be charged if any shall be established".

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham moved that the amendment of section 2, previously moved by Mr. Baldwin, be amended by inserting after the words "such orders, rules and regulations as", at the beginning of the words proposed to be inserted, the words "have been or".

After debate Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Morrison of Medford, the amendment moved by Mr. Gibbs was adopted.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Odlin the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that member; and on the roll call 106 members voted in the affirmative and 115 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Adams, Peter I.
Bagshaw, James T.
Ballantyne, John
Bartlett, William A.

Messrs. Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bentley, James D.

Messrs. Bessette, Alfred M.
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bower, Arthur
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.

Messrs. Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.

NAYS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.

Messrs. Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Carrick, George H.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.

Messrs. Crooks, Clarence A.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.

Messrs. McAllister, John H.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

106 yeas; 115 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Odlin was rejected.

The amendments previously moved by Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, as amended, were then adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, 117 members voted in the affirmative and 40 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Manning of Boston; and on the roll call 137 members voted in the affirmative and 84 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.

Messrs. Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.

Messrs. Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Bates, George J.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitser, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Carrick, George H.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.

Messrs. Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Ballantyne, John
 Bartlett, William A.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bower, Arthur
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Caahman, John B.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.

Messrs. Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.

137 yeas; 84 nays.

Therefore the bill, as amended (House, No. 1518), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the purchase of military equipment for the State Guard (House, No. 1499) was read a third time.

Mr. Hays of Boston moved that the resolve be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "The adjutant-general is hereby directed to sell any and all state military property located at the state arsenal in Framingham which may not be necessary for the use of the military forces of the commonwealth. The proceeds from such sale shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth. Of such sum so received an amount not ex-

ceeding thirty-five thousand dollars may be applied for the purchase of such additional military equipment as may be necessary."

Mr. Newhall of Stoneham moved that the amendment be amended by striking out the last sentence thereof.

After debate (Mr. Warner of Taunton being in the chair) Mr. Murphy of Lowell moved the previous question.

After further debate Mr. Young of Weston moved that the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock be suspended.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 131 members were present.

The motion of Mr. Young (the Speaker having returned to the chair) was then adopted.

The previous question was then ordered.

The amendment moved by Mr. Newhall was then rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Hays was adopted; and the resolve, as amended (House, No. 1519), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1514) was read a second time.

Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out the first sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following: "The board of trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby created, to consist of five persons to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council."; by striking out, in line 13, the word "eighteen", and inserting in place thereof the word "nineteen"; by striking out, in lines 14, 15 and 16, the words "each shall receive from the company as compensation for his services five thousand dollars annually", and inserting in place thereof the words "shall receive no compensation"; by striking out, in lines 18 to 21, inclusive, the words "in the case of the appointee of the governor, or the mayor of Boston, subject to the approval of the civil service commission, in the case of the appointee of the mayor,"; by striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words "appointee of the governor", and inserting in place thereof the words "member of the board"; by striking out, in lines 25, 26 and 27, the words ", and any appointee of the mayor may be removed for cause by the mayor, with the approval of the civil service commission"; by striking out, in line 35, the words "or mayor"; and by adding at the end of said section the following: "If the public management and operation of the railway system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company shall continue beyond the original period of ten years the governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, at the expiration of each ten-year period during the continuance of public management and operation, appoint five successor trustees. Said trustees shall assume the management and operation of the company's prop-

erty on the first day of the month next following their appointment and qualification."; and

In section 6, by striking out, in line 22, the word "three", and inserting in place thereof the word "six".

Mr. Bliss of Malden then moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before five o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Annual Reports.

The following reports, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were severally placed on file: —

Danvers State
Hospital.

Fortieth annual report of the trustees of the Danvers State Hospital (Pub. Doc. No. 20).

Commissioners
on Fisheries
and Game.

Fifty-second annual report of the Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game (Pub. Doc. No. 25).

Monson State
Hospital.

Annual report of the trustees of the Monson State Hospital (Pub. Doc. No. 62).

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind.

Eleventh annual report of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (Pub. Doc. No. 81).

Boston
Finance
Commission.

Ninth annual report of the Finance Commission of the City of Boston (Pub. Doc. No. 88).

Commissioner
of Animal
Industry.

Sixth annual report of the Commissioner of Animal Industry (Pub. Doc. No. 98).

Teachers'
Retirement
Board.

Fourth annual report of the Teachers' Retirement Board (Pub. Doc. 109).

Petition.

Everett, —
indebtedness
to cover
abatement of
taxes.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett presented a petition of William E. Weeks, mayor, that the city of Everett be authorized to incur indebtedness to cover abatement of taxes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Foreign
corporations,
— excise
taxes.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Rowley of Brookline, Paine of Holbrook and Mahoney of Boston the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419). Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Boston, —
buildings.

Relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 350) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1220);

Springfield, —
electricity
from water
system.

Authorizing the city of Springfield to generate electricity by means of its water system and to use or sell the same (Senate, No. 367) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291); and

Board of
Parole, —
transferred
prisoners.

To define the authority of the Board of Parole as to transferred prisoners (Senate, No. 369) (new draft of a bill reported on the recommendations of said board, House, Nos. 56 and 60);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

A Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368) (new draft of a bill reported on a part of the report of the special Commission on Social Insurance, Senate, No. 244), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Voluntary
industrial
group
insurance.

The House Bill relative to the investments by savings banks in bankers' acceptances (House, No. 1396, changed) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments inserting after the word "acceptances", in line 24, the words "and bills of exchange eligible by law for rediscount with federal reserve banks"; and striking out, in line 27, the word "or", and inserting in place thereof the word "and".

Savings banks,
— investments
in bankers'
acceptances.

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Notice was received that the House Bill to authorize the appointment by the Board of Education of a director of physical education (House, No. 1440, amended) had been rejected by the Senate.

Board of
Education, —
director of
physical
education.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of George W. P. Babb that the city of Boston be authorized to reinstate John F. Cox in its fire department. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1520) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Boston fire
department, —
John F. Cox.

By Mr. Emery of Newburyport, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Fairhaven relative to the planting and cultivation of clams and quahaugs in said town. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Emery. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1521) was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Fairhaven, —
clams and
quahaugs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to increase the salary of the superintendent of armories (House, No. 903, changed) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Superintendent
of armories, —
salary.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464), that the House non-concur in the amendment of section 1 (inserting after the word "commonwealth", in line 13, the words "from the motor vehicle fees fund"), and that the House concur in the amendment striking out section 2.

Leominster, —
improvement
of Prospect
street.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Militia, —
salary of
the chief
quartermaster.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to establish the pay of officers in the quartermaster's corps of the militia (House, No. 1247) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: An Act to establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522).

Widow of
Arthur E.
Burr.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr (House, No. 1484).

Grand Army
encampment,
— printing of
proceedings.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to printing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic (House, No. 1508).

Old Provincial
State House,
— maintenance.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston (House, No. 1483).

Charles H.
Slowey of
Lowell.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Charles H. Slowey of Lowell (House, No. 1475).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the town of Sharon to invest in Liberty Loan bonds; and

To enlarge the powers of the Homestead Commission in providing homesteads for citizens;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary, on the recommendations of the Board of Parole of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 56) (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 57 to 60, inclusive), was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the renewal of certain electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1487, changed) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the expenditures of the Armory Commissioners (House, No. 1512) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 1523).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the employment of George Goodfellow in the service of certain cities and towns (Senate, No. 34) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1514), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the bill be amended as follows: —

By striking out section 11, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 11. If, as of the last day of June in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, or the last day of any December or June thereafter, the amount remaining in the reserve fund shall be insufficient to meet the deficiency mentioned in section nine, it shall be the duty of the trustees to borrow such amount of money as may be necessary to enable them to make all payments, including dividend payments, as they become due"; and

By striking out sections 13 and 14.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "SECTION 20. This act shall be submitted at the next state election on the official ballot to the voters of the cities and towns named below in the form of the following question: Shall an act passed by the General Court in 1918, relative to the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, be accepted? If a majority of voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative, this act shall take effect; otherwise, it shall not take effect. The said cities and towns are as follows: Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Brookline and Watertown."

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the bill be amended, in section 14, by striking out all after line 7, and inserting in place thereof the words "proportion to the number of persons in said cities and towns using the service of the company, to be determined and reported to the tax commissioner by the trustees from computations made in their discretion for the purpose."

After debate Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that, unless a vote should be sooner reached, debate be closed at twenty minutes past four o'clock, and that speeches be limited to five minutes each; and this motion prevailed.

Mr. Hearn of Boston then moved that the bill be amended, in section 7, by inserting after the word "qualification", in line 2, the words "and after a public hearing duly advertised in the newspapers for three successive weeks in advance"; and by inserting after the word "shall", in line 11, and after the word "may", in line 20, the words "after a public hearing as aforesaid".

After further debate the following amendments of section 1, previously moved by Mr. Brown of Woburn, were adopted: Striking out the first sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following: "The board of trustees of the Boston Elevated Rail-

way Company is hereby created, to consist of five persons to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council.”; and striking out, in line 13, the word “eighteen”, and inserting in place thereof the word “nineteen”.

The question on the following amendment of section 1, previously moved by Mr. Brown, was stated separately, at the request of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, and the amendment was rejected: Striking out, in lines 14, 15 and 16, the words “each shall receive from the company as compensation for his services five thousand dollars annually”, and inserting in place thereof the words “shall receive no compensation”.

The following amendments, previously moved by Mr. Brown, were adopted: —

In section 1, striking out, in lines 18 to 21, inclusive, the words “in the case of the appointee of the governor, or the mayor of Boston, subject to the approval of the civil service commission, in the case of the appointee of the mayor,”; striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words “appointee of the governor”, and inserting in place thereof the words “member of the board”; striking out, in lines 25, 26 and 27, the words “, and any appointee of the mayor may be removed for cause by the mayor, with the approval of the civil service commission”; striking out, in line 35, the words “or mayor”; and adding at the end of said section the following: “If the public management and operation of the railway system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company shall continue beyond the original period of ten years the governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, at the expiration of each ten-year period during the continuance of public management and operation, appoint five successor trustees. Said trustees shall assume the management and operation of the company’s property on the first day of the month next following their appointment and qualification.”; and

In section 6, striking out, in line 22, the word “three”, and inserting in place thereof the word “six”.

The amendments moved by Mr. Odlin were then rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Allen was adopted; and the amendments moved by Mr. Hearn were rejected.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Donovan, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that member; and on the roll call 55 members voted in the affirmative and 161 in the negative, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Bartlett, William A.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Cashman, John B.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.

Messrs. Cronin, John
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Green, Thomas H.
Harrington, Edward F.

Messrs. Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.

Messrs. McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Winchester, Charles A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bates, George J.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.

Messrs. Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd

Messrs. Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 McIntosh, David S.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.

Messrs. Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

55 yeas; 161 nays.

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. Donovan was rejected.

On the question on ordering the bill, as amended, to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston; and on the roll call 165 members voted in the affirmative and 50 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.

Messrs. Beaman, Charles H.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.

Messrs. Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.

Messrs. McAllister, John H.
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Mulvaney, Frank
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Cronin, John
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.

Messrs. Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Meyers, Julius
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Winchester, Charles A.

165 yeas; 50 nays.

Therefore the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At five minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Morse of Danvers, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, May 9, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Smith of Boston had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Smith took the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Mr. Hall of Worcester presented a petition of Pehr G. Holmes, mayor, and another relative to the indebtedness of the city of Worcester in connection with the construction of a bridge over Lake Quinsigamond between said city and the town of Shrewsbury. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Worcester, —
indebtedness
for a bridge
over Lake
Quinsigamond.

Mr. Mahoney of Peabody presented a petition of W. H. Mahoney and others that the county of Essex be authorized to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Essex county,
— widow of
John J.
Connor
of Peabody.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That the time within which the following joint committees are required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make a final report upon all matters referred to them previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, May 15th: Administration and Commissions, Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, Counties, Joint Judiciary, Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, and Street Railways.

Certain joint
committees, —
extension of
time for
reports.

A report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1450) of Frank H. Hardison and another relative to the size of type which shall be used in policies of life and endowment insurance, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Life and
endowment
insurance
policies, —
size of type.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Kiernan of Wareham, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to establish the District Court of Nantucket (House, No. 1481). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

District Court
of Nantucket.

Engrossed Bill and Resolves.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for maintenance and improvements at the market garden field station in Lexington; and

Providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools; (Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464) were considered; and, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, the House non-concurred in the amendment of section 1 (inserting after the word "commonwealth", in line 13, the words "from the motor vehicle fees fund"), and concurred in the amendment striking out section 2.

The Bill to increase the salary of the superintendent of armories (House, No. 903, changed) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Relative to issuing joint and several policies by insurance companies (House, No. 1449);

Relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston (House, No. 1483);

Relative to printing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic (House, No. 1508);

To establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522);

Relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 350);

Authorizing the city of Springfield to generate electricity by means of its water system and to use or sell the same (Senate, No. 367); and

To define the authority of the Board of Parole as to transferred prisoners (Senate, No. 369); and

Resolves:

In favor of Charles H. Slowey of Lowell (House, No. 1475);

In favor of the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr (House, No. 1484); and

Authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company (printed as Senate, No. 318, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the renewal of certain electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States (House, No. 1487, changed) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill providing for the payment of certain fees for certified statements issued by the various boards of registration or examination (House, No. 1511) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

By striking out sections 1 and 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. Any person who applies to a board of registration or examination established by the commonwealth for a certified statement of registration shall, upon application, pay to the issuing board a fee of either one or two dollars according to rules and regulations established by such board. Said rules and regulations shall stipulate what information is to be furnished for the minimum fee of one dollar, and shall provide that, in case any additional information is furnished, the fee shall be two dollars."; and

By inserting after section 2 (section 3, as printed) the following: "SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to fees paid under the provisions of section twenty-nine of chapter five hundred and thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1525), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school (House, No. 221, changed and amended) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate (the Speaker having taken the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Makepeace of Malden.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 94 to 41. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Attleboro to purchase or acquire a part of a street railway line (House, No. 1516) was read a second time.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 10, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 10. This act shall take effect if accepted by a majority of the voters of the city of Attleboro voting thereon at the next state election."

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 73 to 15.

The Bill to place Captain Frederick H. Lucke on the retired list of the Massachusetts National Guard with the rank of major (Senate, No. 359) was read a second time.

Mr. French of Haverhill moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust (Senate, No. 323, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Haynes of Scituate moved that the bill be amended, in section 1 (section 2, as printed), by striking out, in lines 13, 14 and 15 (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), the words "one to be chosen by the said inspector, a second by the claimant, and a third by the two arbitrators first chosen", and inserting in place thereof the words "to be composed of the secretary of the state board of agriculture, the state forester, and an assistant attorney-general to be designated by the attorney-general".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The report of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 358) of Edith E. Leighton that the city of Boston be authorized to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton, was considered.

Mr. Hudson of Waltham moved that the report be recommitted, under a suspension of the 5th joint rule; and this motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

The Bill to amend the law relating to dogs (House, No. 1517) was read a second time; and after debate the House refused, by a vote of 54 to 58, to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (House, No. 1514, amended) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill, as amended, be amended as follows:—

In section 5, by striking out, in line 11, the words "not less than two thirds", and inserting in place thereof the words "a majority"; by striking out, in lines 21 to 24, inclusive, the words "under any general or special laws of the commonwealth, if the remaining sections of this act take effect as provided in section nineteen", and inserting in place thereof the words ", but if the remaining sections of this act fail to take effect as provided in section nineteen, such issue and the subscription thereto shall be null and void"; and by striking out, in lines 37 and 38, the words "to the stockholders of the company", and inserting in place thereof the words "pro-rata to the stockholders of the company at not less than par, and the provisions of section one hundred and twelve of Part III of chapter four hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and six as amended by chapter six hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight shall not apply to the disposition of the stock or any balance thereof not taken by the stockholders";

By striking out section 18; and

In section 19 (as printed), by inserting after the word "subscriber", in line 16, the words ", and that no dividends have been declared or paid upon the company's common stock since the passage of this act"; and by adding at the end of the sec-

tion the words "But if during said period of management and operation the trustees shall be deprived of the possession or control of said property through any act of any creditor of the company who was such at the time the trustees took possession, the commonwealth shall be under no obligation to pay any sum or sums under this act to meet any deficiency in income accruing while the trustees are deprived of such possession and control."

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill, as amended in section 1, be amended by striking out, at the beginning thereof, the words "The board of trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby created, to consist of five persons to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council," and inserting in place thereof the words "The board of trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby created, of which board the governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint three persons, and the mayor of the city of Boston two persons, subject to the approval of the civil service commission."; by inserting, in lines 18 to 21, inclusive, the words "in the case of the appointee of the governor, or the mayor of Boston, subject to the approval of the civil service commission, in the case of the appointee of the mayor,"; by striking out, in lines 23 and 24, the words "member of the board", and inserting in place thereof the words "appointee of the governor"; by inserting, in lines 25, 26 and 27, the words ", and any appointee of the mayor may be removed for cause by the mayor, with the approval of the civil service commission"; by inserting, in line 35, the words "or mayor"; and by striking out, in the sentence added at the end of the section, the words "governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council," and inserting in place thereof the words "governor and the mayor shall"; and by inserting after the words "appoint five successor trustees" the words "in the manner above provided".

Mr. Allen of Newton moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "qualification," in line 6, the words "and for that purpose shall take and have possession of said properties in behalf of the commonwealth".

Mr. O'Connor of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 12, by adding at the end thereof the words "; and the question of the termination of such public management and operation shall be submitted to the voters of the cities and towns served by the Boston Elevated Railway, at the state election immediately following the expiration of the ten year period on the official ballot in the form of the following question: Shall the public operation and control of the Boston Elevated Railway be continued?"

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Burke of Boston.

The amendments recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were then adopted; the amendments moved by Mr. Hays were rejected; and the amendment moved by Mr. Allen was adopted.

On the question on the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. O'Connor, 37 members voted in the affirmative and 94 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. O'Connor; and on the roll call 51 members voted in the affirmative and 146 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cashman, John B.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Cox, Edward J.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hayes, James W.
 Hearn, William H.
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.

Messrs. Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, William J.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Winchester, Charles A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Atwood, Harrison H.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick

Messrs. Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Craig, John W.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.

Messrs. Howland, Edgar F.
Hudson, John R.
Hull, John C.
Johnson, John G.
Johnson, William L.
Jones, Arthur W.
Jones, Benjamin O.
Kelley, David L.
Kent, Robert T.
Kiernan, James F.
Kneeland, William A.
Lane, Martin R.
Larocque, Ernest A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Lord, William G.
Lyman, Frank E.
Magee, Winthrop
Makepeace, Lloyd
Maloney, David J.
Manning, Frank A.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Marsh, George S.
Mellen, Walter L.
Merriam, Bernard F.
Meyers, Julius
Monk, Wesley E.
Moran, James G.
Morrison, James
Morse, George D.
Mulveny, Frank
Nason, Arthur L.
Nelson, Oscar H.
Newhall, Arthur N.
Nichols, Frederic C.
Nourse, George L.
Nutting, Edward H.
Ollendorff, William W.
Orr, John Glenn

Messrs. Osborne, John N.
Packard, Walter T.
Paine, Arthur W.
Penshorn, George
Pepin, Chauncey
Perham, Walter
Powers, Leland
Prescott, Francis
Putnam, Frank H.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Robinson, Arthur W.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Shedd, Harry L.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
Smith, Jerome S.
Snow, Dexter A.
Spinney, Burgess H.
Stetson, William N.
Swig, Simon
Tarbell, Warren E.
Torrey, Frank A.
Underhill, Charles L.
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Walker, George
Wall, Albert T.
Wasserman, Jacob
Waterman, George B.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Wheeler, Bion T.
Whitman, Albert L.
Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Wood, Isaac U.
Woodill, Harry C.
Worrall, George M.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

51 yeas; 146 nays.

PAIRS.

The following pairs were announced:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Cronin, John
Costello, Patrick M.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Mahoney, John P.*
Murphy, Daniel C.*

NAYS.

Messrs. Wood, Wilbur A.*
Briggs, Elmer L.*
McAllister, John H.*
Haskins, William M.
Bessette, Alfred M.

* Present.

[The committee on Water Supply were absent on official business.]

Therefore the amendment moved by Mr. O'Connor was rejected.

The bill, as amended (House, No. 1526), was then passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 130 to 23. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-four minutes before five o'clock, on motion of Mr. Granger of Agawam, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, May 10, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions.*Worcester
State Hos-
pital, —
rental for
sewerage
system.

Mr. Dean of Worcester presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Worcester and others relative to the payment of rental by the trustees of the Worcester State Hospital to said city for the use of its sewerage system. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Frederick R.
Ippolito.

Mr. French of Haverhill presented a petition of William F. French that the Adjutant-General be authorized to pay a sum of money to Frederick R. Ippolito. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*Clinics and
dispensaries, —
equipment
and extension.

A Bill to provide diagnostic equipment for clinics and dispensaries and to encourage their extension (Senate, No. 372) (new draft of a bill reported on a part of the report of the special Commission on Social Insurance, Senate, No. 244), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

State Board
of Concilia-
tion and
Arbitration, —
salaries.

The Senate Bill to establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Senate, No. 346) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments (in section 1, striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "five hundred"; and inserting in line 4, after the word "dollars", the word "each"), asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. McLane, Perrin and McLaughlin had been appointed the committee on its part.

On motion of Mr. Babb of Boston the House insisted on its amendments, and non-concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference.

Barnstable
county
infirmary, —
maintenance.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 376) of Joseph O. Knox that provision be made for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Counties; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the final report of the joint special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to establish a department for the training of crippled and injured persons (Senate, No. 345) be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish a division for the training of crippled and injured persons in the department of the Industrial Accident Board (House, No. 1529).

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the construction of buildings and development of institutions at public expense (House, No. 1478) be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the construction of, additions to or alterations of buildings owned by the Commonwealth (House, No. 1527).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Beaman of Leverett moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to order to a third reading the Bill to amend the law relating to dogs (House, No. 1517); and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 34 to 64.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the definition of contagious diseases of domestic animals; Bills enacted.

Relative to the investment by savings banks in bankers' acceptances;

Extending the civil service laws to the school attendance officer of Watertown;

To extend the time for the revision of the Pleasant street assessments in the city of Boston and to provide for jury trials thereon;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the employment of George Goodfellow in the service of certain cities and towns (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1450) of Frank H. Hardison and another relative to the size of type which shall

be used in policies of life and endowment insurance, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston (House, No. 1483);

To authorize the city of Attleboro to purchase or acquire part of a street railway line (House, No. 1516) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522); and

Resolves:

In favor of Charles H. Slowey of Lowell (House, No. 1475); and

In favor of the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr (House, No. 1484);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the issue of joint and several policies by insurance companies (House, No. 1449) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Waterman of Williamstown.

The Bill relative to printing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic (House, No. 1508) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Greenfield.

The Bill to define the authority of the Board of Parole as to transferred prisoners (Senate, No. 369) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Carrick of Cambridge, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

At seven minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Woodill of Melrose, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, May 13, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Leave of Absence.

On motion of Mr. Lord of Athol, Mr. Kellogg of Orange was granted leave of absence until May 20, on account of illness. Nathaniel P. Kellogg of Orange.

Presentation to Sergeant-at-Arms Pedrick.

The Speaker made informal announcement that the day marked the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn, and, on behalf of the members of the House, extended congratulations and presented a chest of silver in testimony of regard and esteem for one long in the service of the House. Presentation to Sergeant-at-Arms Pedrick.

Petition.

Mr. Weston of Newton presented a petition of the mayor and city solicitor of Newton that cities and towns be permitted to enter into contracts for the use of property for the instruction and training of persons entering the federal service. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. Municipal contracts, — use of property by the federal government.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1531) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the affairs of the Boston and Maine Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session. Attorney-General, — affairs of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

A Resolution relative to the establishment of a two years course in practical agriculture at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 374) (reported on a part of the report of the special commission on agricultural education as conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the development of Massachusetts Agricultural College, — two years course.

the agricultural resources of the Commonwealth), adopted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Marlborough,
— promotion
of call men.

The House Bill relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough (House, No. 1425) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following new section: "SECTION 2. If a majority of the votes cast thereon at said election are in the affirmative, the provisions of said chapter four hundred and eighty-seven and amendments thereof shall thereupon take effect in said city, but not otherwise."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Baker of Marlborough; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Trust com-
panies, —
franchise
taxation.

The House Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (House, No. 1365) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. McLane, Cavanagh and McLaughlin had been appointed the committee on its part.

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendments, and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference. The Speaker appointed Mr. Rowley and Messrs. Briggs of Plymouth and Ollendorff of Medway the committee on the part of the House.

Women and
minors, —
working hours.

Notice was received that the House Bill to regulate further the hours of labor of women and of children under eighteen years of age (House, No. 1493) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Also that the following House petitions had been referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court, the Senate having non-concurred, in each instance, in the suspension of said rule: —

Attleboro chief
of police, —
civil service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1503) of the city solicitor of the city of Attleboro that the provisions of the civil service laws be extended to the office of chief of police of that city; and

Winchester, —
title to
metropolitan
park land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1504) of the Winchester Water and Sewer Board relative to the title to certain land taken in said town by the Metropolitan Park Commission for the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Reports of Committees.

Raising of
sheep, —
bounty.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide a bounty for the raising of sheep during the present war emergency ought not to pass (House, No. 1536).

Registration
in medicine
and of nurses,
— fees.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill providing for the payment of certain fees to the Board of

Registration in Medicine and to the Board of Registration of Nurses (House, No. 207) ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on rejection.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the salaries of officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 772) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: "An Act to establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1533) [Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River dissenting from sections 1 and 2, and Messrs. Wadleigh of Merrimac and Bellows of Clarksburg dissenting from section 1].

County penal institutions, — salaries of officers.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a Bill relative to special exhibitions of agricultural products (House, No. 154) and on a Bill to provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits (House, No. 157), a Bill to provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits (House, No. 1537).

Agricultural exhibits, — state prizes.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the federal government to use certain institutions and other state resources and to establish a bureau for the re-education of certain soldiers and sailors (Senate, No. 361) be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish a division of the Board of Education for the training and instruction of disabled soldiers and sailors, and to authorize the federal government to use state institutions and resources (House, No. 1535).

Disabled soldiers and sailors, — training and instruction.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the classification and control of certain offices and positions and to afford an opportunity for advancement and promotion in the service of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 370) ought to pass.

State employees, — classification of positions and salaries.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the granting of licenses for the taking of lobsters; Bills enacted. and

Relative to the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to establish a department for the training of crippled and injured persons (Senate, No. 345) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means (that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish a division for the training of crippled and injured persons in the department of the Industrial Accident Board, House, No. 1529) was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the construction of buildings and development of institutions at public expense (House, No. 1478) was read a second time.

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Butler of Lawrence moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the construction and development of institutions at public expense (House, No. 1532).

Mr. Butler then moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session; and this motion prevailed.

Death of
Representative
Frank Bartlett
of Pittsfield.

Mr. Orr of Pittsfield announced the death, on May 12, of his colleague, Mr. Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield, member of the House from the Fourth Berkshire Representative District, and moved that a committee of five be appointed to represent the House at the funeral services, and to prepare suitable resolutions; and this motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Orr then moved that, as a further mark of respect, the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes past two o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, May 14, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Special Committee to attend the Funeral of Representative Frank Bartlett.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Orr of Pittsfield, Kent of Pittsfield, Waterman of Williamstown, Boothman of Adams and Adams of Stockbridge the special committee to represent the House at the funeral services of Representative Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield, late member of the House from the Fourth Berkshire Representative District, and to prepare suitable resolutions.

Funeral of Representative Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield, — special committee.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bliss of Malden, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth is hereby extended until the twenty-second day of May.

Fish industry of the Commonwealth, — report of investigation.

Petitions.

Mr. Kiernan of Wareham presented a petition of J. F. Kiernan relative to the planting and cultivation of quahaugs in the town of Wareham. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Wareham, — quahaugs.

Mr. Rowley of Brookline presented a petition of John W. Locke and another that the corporation known as the Star Amusement Company be revived. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Star Amusement Company.

Mr. Merriam of Framingham presented a petition of Bernard F. Merriam and others that trust companies be authorized to hold real estate to an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of their capital and surplus. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Trust companies, — holding of real estate.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations (House, No. 1462) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 2, strik-

Domestic business corporations, — taxation.

ing out the words "upon its passage", and inserting in place thereof the words "as of the first day of April in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen".

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Leominster, —
improvement
of Prospect
street.

The House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment of section 1 (inserting after the word "commonwealth", in line 13, the words "from the motor vehicle fees fund"), asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. McLane, Smith and Churchill had been appointed the committee on its part.

On motion of Mr. Nutting of Leominster the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment, and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference.

Reports of Committees.

Essex county,
— widow of
John J.
Connor
of Peabody.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of W. H. Mahoney and others that the county of Essex be authorized to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1538) was referred to the committee on Counties.

Everett, —
indebtedness
to cover
abatement of
taxes.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William E. Weeks, mayor, that the city of Everett be authorized to incur indebtedness to cover abatement of taxes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1539) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Worcester, —
indebtedness
for a bridge
over Lake
Quinsigamond.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Pehr G. Holmes, mayor, and another relative to the indebtedness of the city of Worcester in connection with the construction of a bridge over Lake Quinsigamond between said city and the town of Shrewsbury. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1540) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance.

Worcester
State Hos-
pital, —
rental for
sewerage
system.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor of the city of Worcester and others relative to the payment of rental by the trustees of the Worcester State Hospital to said city for the use of its sewerage system. Read; and considered

under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1541) was referred to the committee on Public Institutions.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Henry B. Endicott that the soliciting of money for charitable purposes be regulated. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1542) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Soliciting of money for charitable purposes, — regulation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 376) of Joseph O. Knox that provision be made for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Counties.

Barnstable county infirmary, — maintenance.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the Resolve (introduced on leave) relative to rates of fare charged by the Bay State Street Railway Company. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the resolve was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Bay State Street Railway Company, — rates of fare.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order authorizing the committee on Public Service to travel into every county of the Commonwealth, and also to employ a clerk, ought to be adopted in the following new draft: —

Committee on Public Service, — clerk and postage.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to employ a clerk, and also be authorized to use such postage stamps as may be necessary in addressing questions to various county officials and institutions.

Considered under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought not to be adopted: —

Ordered, That the committee on Street Railways be authorized to visit, in the discharge of its duties, the cities of Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield and the town of Greenfield, on or before March 30.

Committee on Street Railways, — travel.

Considered under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young, and rejected.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the joint committee on Rules, no legislation necessary, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the

General Court, — change in rules and form of Manual.

General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to amending the rules of the General Court and to improving the form and substance of the Manual for the General Court. Considered under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Landing of
the Pilgrims,
— tercenten-
ary.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Elmer L. Briggs that the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission be authorized to acquire land and make improvements in the town of Plymouth.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1055) of George Ward Cook that provision be made for a celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

State bonds,
— issuance.

By the same member, for the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the message from His Excellency the Governor relative to the issuing of bonds by the Commonwealth in view of the large sums of money to be raised by this method by the federal government (House, No. 1221).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Certain state
employees, —
salaries.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of certain state employees who were technically deprived of increased salaries ought not to pass (House, No. 1543). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the resolve.

Appropriation,
— soldiers and
sailors.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making an additional appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the service of the United States (House, No. 1544).

State House
assistant
watchmen and
elevator men,
— compensa-
tion.

By Mr. McAllister of Lee, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the compensation of certain employees of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1033, changed) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: An Act relative to the compensation of assistant watchmen and elevator men employed in the State House (House, No. 1546).

Boston, —
widow of
Alfred L.
Leighton.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton (printed as Senate, No. 358, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Second Society
of Universal-
ists in the
Town of
Boston.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, for the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston to hold additional property

(printed as Senate, No. 349) [Mr. Odlin of Lynn, of the House, dissenting].

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the final report of the joint special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill to regulate appointments of treasurers and stewards of state institutions (House, No. 1545) [Mr. McLaughlin of the Senate, and Mr. Foley of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

State institutions, —
treasurers and
stewards.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) ought to pass. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Suffolk
district
attorney, —
salaries and
assistants.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 17), and on a special report of the Supervisor of Administration (Senate, No. 246), a Bill to provide for reorganization of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind.
— reorganisa-
tion.

Recess.

At twenty-three minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Allen of Newton, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Mr. William Wellman of Newton, a member of the Lafayette Flying Corps of the French Army, who addressed the House briefly.

William
Wellman of the
Lafayette
Flying Corps
of France.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the sale of commercial fertilizers;

Bills enacted.

Relative to the distribution of the tax on incomes for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To define the authority of the Board of Parole as to transferred prisoners; and

To provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for a report by the State Department of Health of a plan for the disposal of sewage in the town of Ayer (which originated in the House); and

Resolves
passed.

Authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities, towns and individuals for the State Guard (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the affairs of the Boston and Maine Railroad, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill providing for the payment of certain fees to the Board of Registration in Medicine and to the Board of Registration of Nurses (House, No. 207) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Resolution relative to the establishment of a two years course in practical agriculture at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 374) was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:—

“Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Court there should be established at the Massachusetts Agricultural College a two years course in practical agriculture upon the completion of which certificates of graduation should be granted; that the course should be open to all residents of the Commonwealth who have attained the age of seventeen years and who possess the educational qualifications necessary for admission to any public high school of the Commonwealth.”

The Bill to provide for the classification and control of certain offices and positions and to afford an opportunity for advancement and promotion in the service of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 370) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the federal government to use certain institutions and other state resources and to establish a bureau for the re-education of certain soldiers and sailors (Senate, No. 361) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means (that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish a division of the Board of Education for the training and instruction of disabled soldiers and sailors, and to authorize the federal government to use state institutions and resources, House, No. 1535) was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish a division in the department of the Industrial Accident Board for the training of cripples (House, No. 1529) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

The Resolve authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company (printed as Senate, No. 318, changed);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 350) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the city of Springfield to generate electricity by means of its water system and to use or sell the same (Senate, No. 367) was read a third time.

Mr. Mitchell of Springfield moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Ammidon of Cambridge; and the bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the construction of buildings and development of institutions at public expense (House, No. 1478) was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate (Mr. Jewett of Lowell being in the chair) the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was rejected, by a vote of 32 to 32.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Butler of Lawrence (that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the construction and development of institutions at public expense, House, No. 1532) was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a bounty for the raising of sheep during the present war emergency (House, No. 1536) was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston; and (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the bill was rejected.

The Bill to establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1533) was read a second time.

Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the salaries of officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1534).

After debate Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "jails", in line 2, the words "who do not hold the position of masters, deputies and keepers by reason of their offices as sheriffs".

Mr. Morse of Danvers then moved that the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock be suspended; and this motion prevailed.

Subsequently the same member moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before five o'clock, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 15, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
— uniform
insignia on
service flags.

There has been adopted in the Commonwealth, through common consent, a flag which indicates by a star the fact that a man is in the service of the country, which is practically uniform in character. These service flags fly from the homes of the boys, from the city and town halls, churches, colleges, clubs and other places. It is a beautiful custom and is a rare ornament to the structure flying the flags. There has not however been an approval by the Commonwealth of this plan, nor so far as I know, has there been any effort to make provision for further insignia to show by these flags those who were wounded in the service, received marks of distinction, were captured, or were missing. It seems to me desirable that the Commonwealth should make some official provision so that there will be uniformity in the method of marking, and thus avoid confusion. The state is a direct partner with any family that flies a flag, and shares the joy, honor, and sorrow of the family. In accordance with this thought, I am transmitting you herewith a suggestion that has been drafted by Mr. Herbert H. Boynton, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, who was also instrumental in providing the material for a little booklet issued by the Commonwealth on "Our Flag".

I recommend that such action be taken in the premises as you may deem proper.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

The message (House, No. 1549) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston, it was referred, with the accompanying papers, to the joint committee on Rules. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition.

Flags, banners
and inscriptions.

Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner presented a petition of Charles H. Hartshorn that the carrying and displaying of flags, banners and inscriptions be regulated. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules and adopted by the Senate, was considered:—

Ordered, That the time within which the committee on Counties is required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to it previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Wednesday, May 22nd.

Certain joint committees,—extension of time for reports.

Mr. Young of Weston moved that the order be amended by striking out the words "committee on Counties is", and inserting in place thereof the words "committees on Counties and Street Railways are"; and by striking out the word "it", and inserting in place thereof the word "them".

The amendments were adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Bills:

To provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377) (new draft of a bill reported on petitions accompanied by resolve and bill, House, Nos. 830 and 831);

The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

To provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 378) (new draft of a bill reported on petitions accompanied by resolve and bill, House, Nos. 427 and 485); and

New Bedford Textile School.

To provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 379) (new draft of a bill reported on petitions accompanied by resolve and bill, House, Nos. 560 and 561); and

Lowell Textile School.

A Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 373, amended) (reported on a part of the report of the special commission on agricultural education as conducted at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the development of the agricultural resources of the Commonwealth);

Massachusetts Agricultural College,—maintenance.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Nichols, Smith and McLane had been joined.

Foreign corporations,—excise.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 381) of Moody Kimball and another that provision be made for traffic during the reconstruction of Floating bridge in the city of Lynn and for an increase in the money to be used for such reconstruction, came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Roads and Bridges; and the question on concur-

Floating bridge in Lynn,—traffic during reconstruction.

ring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Reports of Committees.

East Boston,
— street rail-
way tracks
on Saratoga
street.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, for the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1371) of E. J. Cox for the removal of street car tracks from a certain portion of Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Street railway
property, —
purchase by
municipalities.

By Mr. Morrison of Medford, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1050) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to purchase the property of street railway companies.

Street railway
companies, —
support by
municipalities.

By Mr. Cooke of Worcester, for the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 794) of Fred H. Smith that cities and towns be authorized to invest in the bonds and guarantee the bonds and dividends of street railway companies.

New Bedford,
— uniform
fares on
street
railways.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Northampton, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) of Albert Crossley and others relative to providing a uniform rate for street railway transportation within the city of New Bedford.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Clinics and
dispensaries, —
equipment
and extension.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide diagnostic equipment for clinics and dispensaries and to encourage their extension (Senate, No. 372) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Sturbridge, —
indebtedness
for water
purposes.

By Mr. Walker of New Bedford, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1486), a Bill to authorize the town of Sturbridge to incur additional indebtedness for water supply purposes (House, No. 1550).

Street railway
companies, —
service at
cost.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, on a part of the report of the special Street Railway Investigation Commission (Senate, No. 265), a Bill to provide for service at cost by street railway companies (House, No. 1551).

Street railway
companies, —
support by
municipalities.

By Mr. Bowser of Wakefield, for the same committee, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 1049 and 1051), a Bill to authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies (House, No. 1552).

By Mr. Haskins of Middleborough, for the committee on Water Supply, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1471), a Bill to establish the Erving Water District and to provide for supplying the same with water (House, No. 1553).

Erving Water District, — water supply.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368) ought to pass with amendments, in line 9, inserting after the word "promoting" the words "old age annuities and"; and striking out the title, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Resolve providing for the promotion of old age annuities and of voluntary insurance against sickness and disability." Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Voluntary industrial group insurance.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, on so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the authority of the Public Service Commission, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1057), and on a part of the final report of the joint special recess commission appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), a Bill to abolish the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, and to establish the Commission on Public Utilities (House, No. 1554).

Public Service Commission and Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, — reorganisation.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1183), and on so much of the final report of the joint special recess committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as was referred to said committees, a Bill to establish the State Department of Agriculture (House, No. 1555).

State Board of Agriculture, — reorganization.

By Mr. Greenwood of Everett, for the committee on Social Welfare, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1454) a Bill to provide that able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and fifty years shall engage in useful occupation (House, No. 1556).

Able-bodied male citizens, — useful occupation.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the expenditures of the Armory Commissioners;

Bills enacted.

Relative to the promotion of call men in the fire department of the city of Marlborough;

Relative to the issue of joint and several workmen's compensation policies by insurance companies;

Relative to printing the proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic;

Providing for the payment of certain fees for certified statements issued by the various boards of registration or examination; and

Relative to the renewal of certain electricians' certificates held by men in the military or naval service of the United States;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of William C. Jones of Swampscott; and

In favor of the mother of James F. Broderick of Amesbury;
(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the joint committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 659) of Elmer L. Briggs that the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission be authorized to acquire land and make improvements in the town of Plymouth; and

On the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1055) of George Ward Cook that provision be made for a celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the message from His Excellency the Governor relative to the issuing of bonds by the Commonwealth in view of the large sums of money to be raised by this method by the federal government (House, No. 1221);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of certain state employees who were technically deprived of increased salaries (House, No. 1543) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Making an additional appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the service of the United States (House, No. 1544);

Relative to the compensation of assistant watchmen and elevator men employed in the State House (House, No. 1546); and

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton (printed as Senate, No. 358, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the training and instruction of disabled soldiers and sailors by the Commonwealth and by the federal government (House, No. 1535) (its title having been changed by

the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1533), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate Mr. Collins of Edgartown moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 3 the following: "SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to counties of less than thirty thousand population."

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Wadleigh of Merimac (inserting after the word "jails", in line 2, the words "who do not hold the position of masters, deputies and keepers by reason of their offices as sheriffs") was then adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. Collins was adopted; the amendment previously moved by Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River was rejected; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom the bill had been recommitted, reported recommending that the same be amended as follows:—

By striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. No person shall conduct a 'lodging house', except as hereinafter provided, unless such person has secured a license issued under the provisions of this act. The term 'lodging house' shall not be deemed to include a house where lodgings are let to less than five lodgers, nor to the dormitories of charitable, educational or philanthropic institutions [A]. The term 'lodger' shall not be deemed to include persons within the second degree of kindred to the person conducting a lodging house.";

By striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. Licenses under this act may be issued by the same persons issuing innkeepers' and common victuallers' licenses, as provided in section two of chapter one hundred and two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten, and shall be for the same period provided in section four of chapter one hundred and two of the Revised Laws. All innkeepers' licenses issued after the passage of this act shall be expressed to be subject to the provisions of this act. No license fee shall be collected for a lodging house license.";

By striking out section 3;

In section 5 (as printed), by striking out all after the word "conduct", in line 6, and inserting in place thereof the words "Evidence that a room in a hotel or lodging house was not actually used for immoral conduct shall not prevent a conviction

under this section of a person in actual charge, control or management of the premises who permits the occupation of such a room knowing or having good reason to know that the parties occupying such a room intended to use it for immoral solicitation, immoral bargaining or immoral conduct. Where it is required that registers be kept, as hereinafter provided in this act, evidence that the person in actual charge, control or management of the premises has knowingly permitted the occupation of a private room of less than four hundred square feet floor area containing a bed or couch by the same woman on different occasions within a period of thirty days with different men, or by the same man on different occasions within a period of thirty days with different women, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.”;

By striking out section 6 (as printed), and inserting in place thereof the following: “SECTION 6. Every innkeeper, and lodging house keeper required so to do under this act, shall keep or cause to be kept, in permanent form, a register in which shall be recorded the true name or name in ordinary use and the residence of every person engaging or occupying a private room or rooms averaging less than four hundred square feet floor area per room for any period of the day or night in any part of the premises controlled by the licensee, together with a true and accurate record of the room or rooms assigned to such person or persons and of the day and hour when such room is assigned. The entry of the names of the person engaging a room or rooms and of the occupants of said room or rooms shall be made by said person engaging or by an occupant of said room or rooms. Until the entry of such name or names and the record of the room or rooms has been made, such person or persons shall not be allowed to occupy privately any room or rooms upon the licensed premises. Such register shall be retained by the holder of the license for a period of at least one year after the date of the last entry therein and shall be open to the inspection of the licensing authorities, their agents and the police.”;

By inserting after section 7 (as printed) the following: “SECTION 7. No person conducting a lodging house shall be required to keep a register, as provided in section five, until such person has received an order to keep such register from the licensing authority defined in section two. Said licensing authority on its own initiative may issue such order and shall issue such order upon a written affidavit signed by a commissioned officer in the United States army or navy, or a police officer, stating that the affiant knows or believes such lodging house is being used for immoral solicitation, immoral bargaining or immoral conduct, and upon the receipt of such affidavit, the licensing board shall issue an order that the person conducting such lodging house keep a register and within one day thereafter said person shall keep a register and be subject to this act”;

In section 9, by inserting after the word “license”, in line 4, the words “It shall also have the right to suspend and make inoperative for such period of time as it may deem proper all the aforesaid licenses mentioned herein for any cause deemed

satisfactory to it.”; and by inserting in line 5, before the word “shall”, the words “and suspension”; and

In section 12 (section 13, as printed), by striking out, in line 2, the word “July”, and inserting in place thereof the word “August”.

Mr. Baldwin of Brockton moved that the amendment of section 1 be amended at “A” by inserting the words “, nor to private houses whose total time of letting rooms is not more than one week in a year”.

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Underhill of Somerville, the amendment moved by Mr. Baldwin was rejected; and the amendments recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston; and on the roll call (Mr. Abbott of Haverhill being in the chair) 195 members voted in the affirmative and 12 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, William B.
Ballantyne, John
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bentley, James D.
Benton, Jay R.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Bowser, Eden K.
Bray, Albert C.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Browne, Arthur S.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Butler, Frederick
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Carrick, George H.
Cashman, John B.

Messrs. Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Clauss, Frederic F.
Conroy, William S.
Cooke, Harry A.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corey, Edwin S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cordrey, Henry E.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Craig, William F.
Crooks, Clarence A.
Crowley, John T.
Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Dennis, George F.
Dow, James B.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Dwyer, William F.
Emery, Carl C.
Englert, John P.
Ferry, James R.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Fleming, William
Foley, William J.
Foster, William
Freeling, Joseph E.
French, William F.
French, William P.
Frothingham, Charles B.
Furness, Howard F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Gould, Charles W.

Messrs. Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McAllister, John H.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.

Messrs. Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

NATS.

Messrs. Corrigan, Robert S.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Jordan, Michael H.

Messrs. Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Malone, Michael F.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.

195 yeas; 12 nays.

[The special committee appointed to represent the House at the funeral services of Representative Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield were absent on that duty.]

Therefore the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits (House, No. 1537) was read a second time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 2 the words "Such prizes as are offered in various agricultural fairs of the state shall be uniform in value and shall be offered in each of the various fairs within the commonwealth."

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 2 to 62; and the bill was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 96 to 19.

The Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528) was read a third time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 4, by striking out, in lines 11, 12 and 13, the words "For this purpose the auditor may appoint a deputy in his department at an annual salary not to exceed thirty-five hundred dollars."

After debate Mr. Mahoney of Boston moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock (Mr. Abbott being in the chair) the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, May 16, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bill Ordered Printed.

Absentee
voting.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware a Bill to authorize voting by absentee voters was ordered printed as a House document (House, No. 1557).

Petition.

Bridgewater,
— mother of
Mertie B.
Snow.

Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater presented a petition of Eddy P. Dunbar that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to pay a sum of money to the mother of Mertie B. Snow. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Leominster, —
improvement
of Prospect
street.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Moulton of Rutland, Nutting of Leominster and McAllister of Lee the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464, amended).

Manchester, —
water and
sewer com-
missioners.

A Bill to consolidate the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners of the town of Manchester (printed as House, No. 1474) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Report of a Committee.

State depart-
ments, boards
and commis-
sions, —
consolidation.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the consolidation of departments, boards and commissions, as has not been reported on. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

*Engrossed Bills and Resolves.***Engrossed bills:**

Relative to the taxation of domestic business corporations; and **Bills enacted.**
 To change the official designation of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures and to establish his salary and the number of his inspection force;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Charles H. Slowey of Lowell; and

In favor of the widow of Arthur Ellington Burr;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves
passed.**

*Orders of the Day.***Reports:**

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 794) of Fred H. Smith that cities and towns be authorized to invest in the bonds and guarantee the bonds and dividends of street railway companies; **Orders of the day.**

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1050) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to purchase the property of street railway companies; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1371) of E. J. Cox for the removal of street car tracks from a certain portion of Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) of Albert Crossley and others relative to providing a uniform rate for street railway transportation within the city of New Bedford;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide diagnostic equipment for clinics and dispensaries and to encourage their extension (Senate, No. 372) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

To regulate appointments of treasurers and stewards of state institutions (House, No. 1545);

To authorize the town of Sturbridge to incur additional indebtedness for water supply purposes (House, No. 1550);

To authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies (House, No. 1552);

To establish the Erving Water District and to provide for supplying the same with water (House, No. 1553); and

To authorize the Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston to hold additional property (printed as Senate, No. 349);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means were adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1533, amended);

To provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits (House, No. 1537); and

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton (printed as Senate, No. 358, changed);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill imposing an excise tax upon business corporations (House, No. 1438, amended) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

In Part I, by striking out sections 16 and 17; and by inserting after section 15 the following: "SECTION 16. Section two of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word 'seventeen', in the second line, and substituting the word: nineteen."; and

In Part II, by inserting after section 15 (as printed) the following: "SECTION 32. Section fifty-four of Part III of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, by chapter eighty-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, by chapter eighty-nine of the general acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the general acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the word 'nineteen', in the twenty-third line, and substituting the word: twenty."; and by striking out section 17 (as printed) and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 34. Excepting for the section inserted after section fifteen in Part I and the section inserted after section fifteen in Part II, which sections shall take effect upon their passage, this act shall take effect upon the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1563), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston (that the bill be amended, in section 4, by striking out, in lines 11, 12 and 13, the words "For this purpose the auditor may appoint a deputy in his department at an annual salary not to exceed thirty-five hundred dollars."), was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Hays.

The Bill to place Captain Frederick H. Lucke on the retired list of the Massachusetts National Guard with the rank of major (Senate, No. 359) was considered, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. French of Haverhill moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide for the classification of certain positions in the Commonwealth and to regulate promotion therein (Senate, No. 370) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for service at cost by street railway companies (House, No. 1551) was read a second time.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next; and this motion, after debate, was negatived.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making an additional appropriation for pay for soldiers and sailors from this Commonwealth in the service of the United States (House, No. 1544) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston; and on the roll call 209 members voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.

Messrs. Bagshaw, James T.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Ballantyne, John
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.

Messrs. Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Besette, Alfred M.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Brunell, George J.
 Bunting, George
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Carrick, George H.
 Cashman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Conroy, William S.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Channing H.
 Craig, William F.
 Cronin, John
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Crowley, John T.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Fleming, William
 Foley, William J.
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 French, William F.
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.

Messrs. Gould, Charles W.
 Granfield, William J.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hartahorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Higgins, Matthew A.
 Hirsch, John A.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Mitchell, John
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.

Messrs. Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Sawyer, Roland D.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.

Messrs. Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Walker, George
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

209 yeas; 0 nays.

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At one minute past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Nichols of Fitchburg, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, May 17, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Whitman of Quincy, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Committee on
Public Service,
— travel.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on Monday, May 20.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order was considered, under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition.

Widow of
Representative
Frank Bartlett
of Pittsfield.

Mr. Kent of Pittsfield presented a petition of Robert T. Kent that a sum of money be allowed and paid to the widow of Representative Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield.

The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Subsequently Mr. Kent, for the committee on Rules, reported that the 12th joint rule should be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kent. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1558) was referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports:*

Cities, —
standard
home rule
charter.

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Matthew A. Higgins for the establishment of a standard home rule charter for cities; and

Belchertown,
— land for the
proposed school
for the feeble-
minded.

Of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 754) of Roland D. Sawyer for an appropriation for the purchase of additional land in the town of Belchertown for the proposed school for the feeble-minded;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bills:

Brockton, —
Orin W.
Packard.

To authorize the city of Brockton to pay a pension to Orin W. Packard (printed as House, No. 1472, changed); and

Relative to the dissemination by advertisement or otherwise of information concerning certain diseases (Senate, No. 364, amended);

Certain diseases, — dissemination of information.

(Severally reported on a petition); and

To prohibit and to provide for the abatement of nuisances on the seashore in certain counties (Senate, No. 383) (new draft of House bill No. 1401, amended);

Seashore, — removal of refuse and decaying matter.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The House Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1518) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 2, inserting after the word "decision", in line 18, the words "after notice to said licensing authorities and a hearing thereon if requested by such authorities,"; and inserting after the word "effective", in line 20, the words "or in case the same have already become effective, within thirty days after the passage of this act".

Street railway companies, — use of motor vehicles.

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Bernard F. Merriam and others that trust companies be authorized to hold real estate to an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of their capital and surplus. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Jewett. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1559) was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Trust companies, — holding of real estate.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of J. F. Kiernan relative to the planting and cultivation of quahaugs in the town of Wareham. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1560) was referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Wareham, — quahaugs.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of John W. Locke and another that the corporation known as the Star Amusement Company be revived. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1561) was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Star Amusement Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the

Insurance Department, — salary of actuary.

12th joint rule on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 365) of Frank H. Hardison that the salary of the actuary of the Insurance Department be established. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Boston, —
tunnel in the
Dorchester
district.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Charles A. Winchester that the Boston Transit Commission be authorized to construct a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's Corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Id.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of The Dorchester Board of Trade for the construction of a tunnel from Andrew square to Upham's Corner in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Boston, —
additional
subways and
tunnels.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 9th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Arthur Berenson relative to the construction of additional tunnels and subways and the removal of elevated structures in the city of Boston. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 9th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Merrymount
park in
Quincy, —
tide gate.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of the mayor of the city of Quincy that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to construct and maintain a tide gate near Merrymount park in that city. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

State Guard,
— strength.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Frederick E. Pierce that the strength of the State Guard be established. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Appeals from
courts of
equity, —
filing of
bonds.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of John J. O'Brien that the filing of bonds be required in certain appeals to the Supreme Judicial Court from the decrees of courts of equity. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule,

on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William F. French that Henri J. Duranleau of Attleboro be compensated for duty performed with Company I, Fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, at Framingham under the direction of the Adjutant-General. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Henri J.
Duranleau of
Attleboro.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William F. French that compensation be paid to the Harper Garage Company of Beverly for automobile hire contracted under the direction of the Adjutant-General. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Harper Garage
Company of
Beverly.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of William F. French that the Adjutant-General be authorized to pay a sum of money to Frederick R. Ippolito. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Frederick R.
Ippolito.

By Mr. Bates of Salem, for the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1407) of Fred J. Burrell that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of constructing a high school building. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Medford, —
indebtedness
for a school
building.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, on a part of the report of the special Street Railway Investigation Commission (Senate, No. 265), a Bill to provide for the public operation of the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1562). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company, —
public
operation.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Springfield to generate electricity by means of its water system and to use or sell the same (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during

Orders of
the day.

the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the consolidation of departments, boards and commissions, as has not been reported on, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to consolidate the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners of the town of Manchester (printed as House, No. 1474) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To regulate appointments of treasurers and stewards of state institutions (House, No. 1545);

To authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies (House, No. 1552); and

To authorize the Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston to hold additional property (printed as Senate, No. 349);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Sturbridge to incur additional indebtedness for water supply purposes (House, No. 1550) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Walker of New Bedford.

The Bill to establish the Erving Water District and to provide for supplying the same with water (House, No. 1553) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Haskins of Middleborough.

The Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

At twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Dean of Worcester, the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at two o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, May 20, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Bitzer of Arlington introduced (on leave) a Bill to establish the salaries of certain appointees in the department of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Sergeant-at-Arms, — salaries of certain appointees.

Petitions.

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of William D. T. Trefry and another for an amendment of the law relative to the collection of taxes. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Collection of taxes, — liens.

Mr. French of Haverhill presented a petition of Daniel G. Fox and others relative to licensing the carrying of pistols and revolvers by persons engaged in target practice. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Firearms for target practice, — licences.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford presented a petition of Patrick B. Carr and another that the compensation of certain temporary members of the District Police be established. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

District Police, — compensation of temporary members.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the retirement of officers of the militia (printed as House, No. 196, changed) (reported on so much of the Governor's address, Senate, No. 1, recommitted, as relates to the State Guard, and on the recommendations of the Adjutant-General, recommitted, House, Nos. 195, 196 and 197), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Militia, — retirement of officers.

A Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) (new draft of a bill substituted for a House report, leave to withdraw, on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1294), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Somerville, — drainage of Medford street.

Street railway
companies, —
common
carriers.

The House Bill relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following: "A street railway company, upon the petition of any interested party, may become a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight, upon such parts of its railway and subject to such orders, rules or regulations as may from time to time be made, established or prescribed by the board of aldermen of a city, or body exercising similar powers, or the selectmen of a town, hereinafter termed the licensing authorities. Any such petitioner or any street railway company, aggrieved by such orders, rules or regulations, or in case of failure of the licensing authorities of any city or town to act upon such petition within thirty days of its presentation, may appeal to the public service commission, whose decision, after public notice and hearing, shall be made within thirty days of the said appeal and shall be final. All orders, rules or regulations made, established or prescribed as aforesaid shall be enforced in the manner provided in section twenty-eight of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen. Any street railway company acting under the authority herein granted shall be subject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and twenty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and six, and amendments thereof, and of all laws now or hereafter in force relating to common carriers in so far as they shall be consistent herewith. The authority conferred upon any street railway company by said licensing authorities by virtue of the provisions of this act may be revoked at any time by said licensing authorities if, after public notice and hearing, they shall determine that the public interests so require; *provided, however*, that any company or interested party, aggrieved at such revocation, may appeal to the public service commission, whose decision, after public notice and hearing, shall be made within thirty days of the said appeal and shall be final and shall be enforceable as provided in said section twenty-eight."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Mail trans-
portation, —
tube system.

Resolutions in favor of the tube system of mail transportation (Senate, No. 387) came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule to the committee on Federal Relations; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Swansea and
Seekonk Street
Railway
Company.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company (House, No. 467) [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting]. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Solicitation of
money for
charitable

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1542),

a Bill to provide for licensing the soliciting or raising of money for charitable purposes (House, No. 1564), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Young, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

purposes, —
licenses.

By Mr. Leavitt of Boston, for the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332), a Bill relative to the construction of a new bridge over the Monaquot river in the town of Braintree (House, No. 1565). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Monatiquot
river, — new
bridge in
Braintree.

Recess.

At ten minutes past two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, a recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair. The Speaker then introduced Lieutenant Henry DeMan of the Belgian Government Mission on Industrial Management, who addressed the House.

Lieutenant
Henry DeMan
of Belgium.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for the public operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company;

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the care and maintenance of the Old Provincial State House in the city of Boston;

To authorize the Commission on Mental Diseases to provide a water supply for the proposed Belchertown state school;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To establish the salaries of the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration; and

To provide for the classification of certain positions in the Commonwealth and to regulate promotion therein;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for the purchase of military equipment for the State Guard; and

Resolves
passed.

Providing for a special commission to investigate and consider the methods of treating defective delinquents and criminals;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Municipal Finance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1407) of Fred J. Burrell that the city of Medford be authorized to incur indebtedness for the purpose of constructing a high school building, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Matthew A. Higgins for the establishment of a

standard home rule charter for cities, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the public service commission (House, No. 1518) were adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the dissemination by advertisement or otherwise of information concerning certain diseases (Senate, No. 364, amended);

To prohibit and to provide for the abatement of nuisances on the seashore in certain counties (Senate, No. 383); and

To authorize the city of Brockton to pay a pension to Orin W. Packard (printed as House, No. 1472, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to consolidate the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners of the town of Manchester (printed as House, No. 1474) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to estimates and appropriations for improvements at state institutions (House, No. 1532) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the construction of, additions to or alterations of buildings owned by the Commonwealth (House, No. 1527).

Mr. Butler of Lawrence moved that the bill (House, No. 1532) be amended, in section 4, by striking out, in lines 14, 15 and 16, the words "or if no such appropriation be made, the approved bills aforesaid shall be paid from the treasury of the commonwealth".

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Hull of Leominster, the amendment moved by Mr. Butler was adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. Atwood was adopted, by a vote of 83 to 38; and the bill, as thus amended (House, No. 1527), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 754) of Roland D. Sawyer for an appropriation for the purchase of additional land in the town of Belchertown for the proposed school for the feeble-minded, was accepted, in concurrence.

At twenty-nine minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Perham of Chelmsford, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, May 21, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules:—

Ordered, That the committee on Counties on the part of the House be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the counties of Norfolk and Plymouth, on or before Thursday, May 23. Committee on Counties on the part of the House, — travel.

Subsequently Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith, and was adopted.

Petitions.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston presented a petition of John L. Donovan that the salaries of the watchmen and assistant watchmen at the State House be increased. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. State House watchmen, — salaries.

Mr. Allen of Newton presented a petition of Alonzo B. Cook relative to the inspection by the Auditor of the Commonwealth of certain income tax returns. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. Income tax returns, — inspection by the Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Cooley of East Longmeadow presented a petition of Charles L. Cooley that the town of Hampden be reimbursed for money expended in the transportation of school children. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules. Hampden, — transportation of school children.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 93) of John E. Beck for an investigation by a special commission of the expediency of public ownership and operation of certain transportation companies, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session. Transportation companies, — public ownership.

A report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (House, Trust companies, — franchise taxation.

No. 1365), — recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment striking out section 2, and that the said section be amended by inserting after the word "determined", in line 13 (as printed), the word "monthly"; and that the House concur with the Senate in the amendment in section 3, with a further amendment striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following new section: "SECTION 3. Section one of this act shall take effect upon its passage. Section two shall take effect upon the termination of the present war as defined by federal authority."; and that the Senate concur in this amendment, — accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College, —
equipment.

A Resolve providing for certain improvements and equipment at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 362) (reported on a part of the recommendations of the trustees of said college, House, Nos. 158 and 159), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Hotels and
lodging
houses, —
regulation.

The Senate Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (Senate, No. 347, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendments, with an amendment striking out, at the end of the new section 7, the words "and be subject to this act".

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Powers of Newton; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Medford city
clerk, —
tenure of
office.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Fred J. Burrell relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Medford. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1566) was referred to the committee on Cities.

Collection
of taxes, —
liens.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of William D. T. Trefry and another for an amendment of the law relative to the collection of taxes. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1567) was referred to the committee on Taxation.

Bridgewater,
— mother of
Mertie B.
Snow.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Eddy P. Dunbar that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to pay a sum of money to the mother of Mertie B. Snow. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1568) was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the Resolutions in favor of the tube system of mail transportation (Senate, No. 387). Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the resolutions were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mail transportation, — tube system.

By Mr. Hudson of Waltham, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize cities and towns to make certain contracts in time of war (House, No. 1531, changed in section 1 by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "existing state of war between the United States and any foreign country", and inserting in place thereof the words "present war"), which was read.

Municipal contracts in war time.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hudson; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was also suspended, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Putnam of Lowell, for the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1507) of James McPherson and others relative to the salaries of the mayor and other officers of the city of Beverly. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Beverly, — salaries of city officials.

By Mr. Wharton of Boston, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to reinstate John F. Cox in the fire department (House, No. 1520, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and the city council of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided*, such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December of the current year.").

Boston fire department, — John F. Cox.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county of Essex to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody (House, No. 1538).

Essex county, — widow of John J. Connor of Peabody.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1490), a Bill imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of domestic corporations (House, No. 1569).

Domestic corporations, — additional tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1490), a Bill imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of foreign corporations (House, No. 1570).

Foreign corporations, — additional tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1490), a Bill to impose an additional tax upon the income from certain forms of intangible property and from trades and professions (House, No. 1571).

Incomes, — additional tax.

Severally read; and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

District Court
of Nantucket.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill to establish the District Court of Nantucket (House, No. 1481) ought to pass.

Suffolk district
attorney, —
assistants and
salaries.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) ought to pass (the committee having considered, under the rule, only its relation to the treasury of the county of Suffolk).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Insurance
Commissioner,
— salary of
actuary.

By Mr. Whitman of Quincy, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to increase the salary of the actuary of the Massachusetts Insurance Department (printed as Senate, No. 365).

Street railway
companies, —
taxation.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, for the committee on Street Railways, on petitions (accompanied by bills, House, Nos. 648, 654, 793 and 1297), a Bill relative to the taxation of street railway companies (House, No. 1574) [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Public ways,
— repair
and mainte-
nance by street
railway
companies.

By Mr. Gibbs of Waltham, for the same committee, on a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 645), a Bill relative to the repair and maintenance of public ways and places in which street railways are located, and to the removal of snow and ice therefrom (House, No. 1575) [Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston, of the House, dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To authorize cities and towns to make certain contracts during the present war;

To authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Alfred L. Leighton;

To authorize the town of Sturbridge to incur additional indebtedness for water supply purposes; and

In addition to the acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relating to street railway companies as common carriers (House, No. 647) was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company (House, No. 467); and

Relative to the retirement of officers of the militia (printed as House, No. 196, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the dissemination by advertisement or otherwise of information concerning certain diseases (Senate, No. 364, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the compensation of assistant watchmen and elevator men employed in the State House (House, No. 1546) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title, which was read.

After debate the amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended (House, No. 1572), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the soliciting and raising of money for war charities (House, No. 1564) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Lord of Athol moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "towns", in line 27, the words "or to the public safety committee of a city or town".

After debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 21 to 44; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to prohibit and to provide for the abatement of nuisances on the seashore in certain counties (Senate, No. 383) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with a similar title, which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, (House, No. 1573), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to pay a pension to Orin W. Packard (printed as House, No. 1472, changed) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate, the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brockton, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 80 to 42.

At ten minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

At twenty-six minutes before four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Babcock of Milton, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Young of Weston, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules: —

Opinion of the
Attorney-
General,
— registration
of aliens.

Ordered, That the House of Representatives hereby requests the opinion of the Attorney-General on the following question of law: Would Senate bill No. 321 of the current year, being "An Act to provide for the registration of certain aliens", if enacted into law be valid and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth and the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States?

Subsequently Mr. Young, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Young, and was adopted.

Petition.

Cambridge
police depart-
ment, —
Jeremiah J.
Coughlan.

Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Cambridge for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan in the reserve force of the police department of said city. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Committee on
Counties, —
final reports.

Ordered, That the time within which the committee on Counties is required, under the provisions of the 10th joint rule, to make final report upon all matters referred to it previously to the second Wednesday in March, be further extended until Monday, May 27.

Barnstable
county, —
maintenance
of infirmary.

A Bill to provide for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable (Senate, No. 376) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College, —
state main-
tenance.

A Bill to dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 384) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 137), passed to be

engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill to establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

Militia, —
salaries of chief
quartermaster
and superin-
tendent of
armories.

Striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. The annual salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia shall be three thousand dollars and that of the superintendent of armories twenty-three hundred dollars."; and

Striking out the title, and inserting in place thereof the following new title: "An Act to establish the salaries of the chief quartermaster and the superintendent of armories of the militia."

The amendments were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments (inserting after the word "promoting", in line 9, the words "old age annuities and"; and striking out the title, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Resolve providing for the promotion of old age annuities and of voluntary insurance against sickness and disability"), asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. Halliwell, Wilson and McLaughlin had been appointed the committee on its part.

Voluntary in-
dustrial group
insurance.

On motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett the House insisted on its amendments, and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference. The Speaker appointed Mr. Greenwood and Messrs. Lord of Athol and Crowley of Abington the committee on the part of the House.

A Bill (introduced on leave) to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 389) came down referred, under a suspension of the 12th joint rule, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs; and the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of said rule was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Port of
Boston, —
development.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of Charles H. Harts-horn that the carrying and displaying of flags, banners and inscriptions be regulated. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1579) was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Flags, banners
and inscrip-
tions.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Taxation, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the message from His Excellency the Governor relative to the taxation of corporations, to conserving all existing sources

Message from
the Governor,
— taxation of
corporations;
new taxes.

of revenue and to imposing a moderate levy of new taxes (House, No. 1490) as has not been reported on, and recommending that the same be referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Read, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Fish industry
of the Com-
monwealth, —
report of
investigation.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the order extending until the twenty-second day of May the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, ought to be adopted with an amendment striking out the word "twenty-second", and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-seventh".

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The amendment was adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, as follows: —

Id.

Ordered, That the time within which report shall be made by the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of May.

Sent up for concurrence.

Liens for labor
and materials.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 587) of John C. Carey and others relative to liens for labor and materials.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of John D. Aspin relative to the rights and securities of persons furnishing materials for the construction and repair of buildings and other structures.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Public Service
Commission
and Gas and
Electric Light
Commission-
ers, — reorgan-
ization.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to abolish the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, and to establish the Commission on Public Utilities (House, No. 1554) be referred to the next General Court.

Mechanics'
liens.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (introduced on leave) imposing a duty on the owner of land to file the notice of contract provided in the law concerning mechanics' liens (House, No. 934) be referred to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill (introduced on leave) to define the rights of workers for inaccuracies in filing notices under the law concerning mechanics' liens (House, No. 935) be referred to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide that able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and fifty years shall engage in useful occupation (House, No. 1556) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title (House, No. 1578).

Able-bodied male citizens, — useful occupation.

By Mr. Blanchard of Cambridge, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill relative to appropriations by cities and towns to provide aid for dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors in the federal service (House, No. 1510).

Dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors, — municipal appropriations.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377) ought to pass with an amendment striking out section 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. In case the transfer authorized by section one is made, there may be expended out of the treasury of the commonwealth, during the present fiscal year, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, to be paid on properly approved vouchers submitted to the auditor of the commonwealth, *provided, however*, that the said amount shall not be available until an additional sum of ten thousand dollars has been paid into the treasury of the commonwealth by the city of Fall River towards the support of said school during the year. The city of Fall River is hereby authorized to raise each year by taxation, and pay the same into the treasury of the commonwealth, such sum, not less than ten thousand dollars, as may be necessary to secure the amount authorized by this act."

The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 378) ought to pass, with an amendment striking out section 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. In case the transfer authorized by section one is made, there may be expended out of the treasury of the commonwealth, during the present fiscal year, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, to be paid on properly approved vouchers submitted to the auditor of the commonwealth, *provided, however*, that the said amount shall not be available until an additional sum of ten thousand dollars has been paid into the treasury of the commonwealth by the city of New Bedford towards the support of said school during the year. The city of New Bedford is hereby authorized to raise each year by taxation, and pay the same into the treasury of the commonwealth, such sum, not less than ten thousand dollars, as may be necessary to secure the amount authorized by this act."

New Bedford Textile School.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 379) ought to pass, with an amendment striking out section 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. In case the transfer au-

Lowell Textile School.

thorized by section one is made, there may be expended out of the treasury of the commonwealth, during the present fiscal year, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, to be paid on properly approved vouchers submitted to the auditor of the commonwealth, *provided, however*, that the said amount shall not be available until an additional sum of ten thousand dollars has been paid into the treasury of the commonwealth by the city of Lowell towards the support of said school during the year. The city of Lowell is hereby authorized to raise each year by taxation, and pay the same into the treasury of the commonwealth, such sum, not less than ten thousand dollars, as may be necessary to secure the amount authorized by this act."

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind,
— reorganisa-
tion.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for reorganization of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

General laws,
— substantive
corrections.

By Mr. Abbott of Haverhill, for the joint committee on the Judiciary, on the preliminary report of the commissioners appointed to consolidate and arrange the General Laws, a Bill to make certain substantive corrections in existing laws (House, No. 1530), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of the same member; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Widow of
Frank Bartlett.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the widow of Frank Bartlett (House, No. 1558), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of the same member; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

Relative to the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

To permit street railway companies to use motor vehicles not running on rails or tracks, and to make operators of such vehicles common carriers subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

To consolidate the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners of the town of Manchester (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1507) of James McPherson and others relative to the salaries of the mayor and other officers of the city of Beverly, was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Administration and Commissions, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 93) of John E. Beck for an investigation by a special commission of the expediency of public ownership and operation of certain transportation companies, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish the District Court of Nantucket (House, No. 1481);

To authorize the city of Boston to reinstate John F. Cox in the fire department (House, No. 1520, changed);

To authorize the county of Essex to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody (House, No. 1538); and

Imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of domestic corporations (House, No. 1569);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company (House, No. 467) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Worrall of Attleboro.

The Bill relative to the retirement of officers of the militia (printed as House, No. 196, changed) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for service at cost by street railway companies (House, No. 1551) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 2, by striking out all after the word "mean", in line 15, to and including the word "stock", in line 20, and inserting in place thereof the words "the capital investment as hereinafter defined less the amount paid in for outstanding preferred stock, bonds and other evidences of funded indebtedness. The word "capital investment" as used in this act shall mean the amount of cash or fair value of the property paid in for stock, bonds and other evidences of funded indebtedness and properly expended for capital purposes, such amount to be determined by the commission: *provided, however*, that if the commission has heretofore approved the issue of any such securities, no further determination in regard to the capital investment represented by such securities shall be necessary";

In section 3, by inserting after the word "Massachusetts", in line 14, the words "or any city or town thereof"; and

In section 14, by striking out all after the word "writing", in line 6, and inserting in place thereof the words ", and if, after reconsideration, the commission insists upon the order or decision, it shall be referred to three arbitrators to be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court whose decision shall be final."

Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 11 the following paragraph: —

"Any foreign company furnishing electric light or power to any street railway operating under this act shall file annually with the gas and electric light commission a schedule of all rates charged to all its customers for power where the electricity is furnished by a central plant to others than the said railway company and with such other information in such form as said commission may require. The gas and electric light commission shall be authorized to prohibit the transmission of electricity for either light or power unless such information is filed as requested; and the prices charged therefor are determined to be fair and reasonable by the public service commission."

After debate the amendments were severally adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1577), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. Rule 15 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brookline.

The Bill imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of foreign corporations (House, No. 1570) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to impose an additional tax upon the income from certain forms of intangible property and from trades and professions (House, No. 1571) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) was read a second time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence; and the bill was then ordered to a third reading.

At ten minutes past three o'clock, on motion of Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield, recess was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

At five minutes past four o'clock, on motion of Mr. Leavitt of Boston, the House adjourned, to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, May 23, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Messages from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 23, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

With the thought that the situation relating to the completion of the dry dock now under construction by the Commonwealth is a pressing one, I am transmitting you herewith a letter which I have just received from the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands in relation to the dry dock. I believe a survey of the situation is one that can well demand your attention, and I am enclosing with the letter a bill which was forwarded to me from the Commission. I urge that such action be taken in this matter as you may deem expedient.

Message from
the Governor,
— completion
of the state
dry dock.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1580) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, it was referred, with the accompanying documents, to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 23, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I have been informed by the State Board of Labor and Industries that there is a great need of additional inspectors for the purposes of inspecting buildings used for industrial purposes, factories, workshops, bakeries, mechanical establishments, laundries, foundries, tenement houses and other buildings or parts of buildings in which manufacturing is carried on, and for the other purposes for which inspectors are employed by the Board of Labor and Industries. So many of our young men have been called away into the service of the country that women are filling their places in employments that women have not heretofore entered. The demand for workers is so great that closer inspection is much more needed. It does not seem to me wise to relax our efforts at all in preventing accidents, and we surely

Message from
the Governor,
— additional
inspectors of
buildings.

and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bay State
Street Rail-
way Company,
— public
operation.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the public operation of the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1562), and recommending that the same be referred to a special committee composed of the members on the part of the House of the committee on Street Railways. Read, and accepted.

Subsequently Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the special committee, reported that the bill ought to pass in a new draft entitled: "An Act relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company" (House, No. 1584). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Boulevard
Trust
Company of
Brookline, —
real estate.

By Mr. Merriam of Framingham, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (House, No. 1249), recommending that the Senate recede from its amendments. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Merriam, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Judicature
commission.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the creation of a judicature commission. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Somerville, —
drainage of
Medford
street.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Trust com-
panies, —
investments
in real estate.

By Mr. Merriam of Framingham, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill relative to investments of trust companies in real estate for the transaction of their business (House, No. 1559) [Messrs. Furness of Everett, Young of Spencer and Nichols of Fitchburg, of the House, dissenting]. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State Board of
Agriculture, —
reorganization.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to establish the State Department of Agriculture (House, No. 1555) ought to pass.

Insurance
Commissioners,
— salary of
actuary.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Gardner, for the same committee, that the Bill to increase the salary of the actuary of the Massachu-

bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 421); and

To provide for the appointment in certain counties of trustees for county aid to agriculture (Senate, No. 394) (new draft of a bill reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 136);

Agriculture, —
county aid.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The House Bill to establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions (House, No. 1533, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments:—

County
prison officers,
— minimum
salaries.

In section 4 (inserted by amendment by the House) striking out the words "counties of less than thirty thousand population", and inserting in place thereof the words "the counties of Dukes County and Nantucket"; and

Inserting after section 4 (inserted by the House) the following new section: "SECTION 5. This act shall not apply to the officers in the prison service of the county of Suffolk unless it is accepted by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston prior to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighteen."

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Uxbridge; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Notice was received that the following House bills had severally been rejected by the Senate:—

Bill relative to the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire (House, No. 867, changed); and

Motor vehicles,
— passengers
for hire.

Bill relative to the administration of town affairs and to authorize the adoption of a limited town meeting (House, No. 1441).

Town affairs, —
administration.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the petition of the mayor of the city of Cambridge for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan in the reserve force of the police department of said city. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1581) was referred to the committee on Cities. Sent up for concurrence.

Cambridge
police depart-
ment, —
Jeremiah J.
Coughlan.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the House should concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th joint rule on the Bill (introduced on leave) to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (Senate, No. 389). Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended, in concurrence; and the bill was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Port of
Boston, —
development.

Subsequently Mr. Brown of Woburn, for the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, reported that the bill ought to pass. Read;

Bills:

Relative to appropriations by cities and towns to provide aid for dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors in the federal service (House, No. 1510); and

To provide for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable (Senate, No. 376);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the District Court of Nantucket (House, No. 1481);

To authorize the city of Boston to reinstate John F. Cox in the fire department (House, No. 1520, changed);

To authorize the county of Essex to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody (House, No. 1538);

Imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of domestic corporations (House, No. 1569);

Imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of foreign corporations (House, No. 1570); and

To impose an additional tax upon the income from certain forms of intangible property and from trades and professions (House, No. 1571); and

The Resolve in favor of the widow of Frank Bartlett (House, No. 1558);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to place Captain Frederick H. Lucke on the retired list of the Massachusetts National Guard with the rank of major (Senate, No. 359) was considered; and pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred to the next General Court, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Greenfield.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of John D. Aspin relative to the rights and securities of persons furnishing materials for the construction and repair of buildings and other structures, was considered.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to liens of sub-contractors for labor and materials on buildings and land (House, No. 1576), which was read; and this motion prevailed.

The rules were suspended, on further motion of Mr. Abbott, and the bill was read a second and a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to abolish the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, and to establish the Commission on Public Utilities (House, No. 1554) was considered, the question being on reference to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Kiernan of Wareham.

The House then refused to refer the bill to the next General Court; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The Bill to provide for reorganization of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548) was read a second time; and after debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide that able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and fifty years shall engage in useful occupation (House, No. 1578) was read a second time.

Mr. Wall of Worcester moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 3, the word "fifty", and inserting in place thereof the word "sixty-five"; and by striking out, in line 15, the word "thirty-six", and inserting in place thereof the word "forty-eight".

After debate Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the House adjourn; and this motion was negatived.

Mr. Butler of Lawrence then moved the previous question; and after debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the motion prevailed.

The amendments were then rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted.

After debate on the question of ordering the bill, as amended, to a third reading, Mr. Wonson of Gloucester moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty minutes before five o'clock (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, May 24, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules: —

Ordered, That the joint committee on Ways and Means be authorized to travel, in the discharge of its duties, in the city of Boston, on or before the twenty-fourth day of May.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, approved by the joint committee on Rules, was adopted, in concurrence: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to continue the study heretofore made by authority of the General Court of the existing laws of the Commonwealth relating to the taxation of corporations, to recommend such further changes in the said laws as it shall deem necessary or expedient, and to recommend a law which shall provide for the permanent distribution of revenues derived from the taxation of incomes. The committee shall also consider the working of the statutes which regulate the administration of laws relative to taxation and recommend such changes in said statutes as it shall deem desirable. The committee shall report its findings to the next General Court, together with drafts of such laws as it may recommend; and it may report in print. Three hundred and fifty copies of the report shall be reserved for the use of the General Court, and the remaining copies shall be distributed as the committee shall deem advisable. Not more than twenty-five hundred copies of such report shall be printed, and any surplus copies shall be deposited in the legislative document room for distribution by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The committee shall have a room or rooms in the State House assigned for its use; shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary; may employ such assistants, clerical or otherwise, as it may require; and shall receive for compensation, and for assistants, travel and other expenses, such sums as shall be allowed by the Governor and Council.

Joint committee on Ways and Means, — travel.

Joint special recess committee, — laws relating to taxation of corporations and incomes.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster (House, No. 1464), recommending that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment (in section 1, inserting after the word "commonwealth", in line 13, the words "from the motor vehicles fees fund") and concur therein. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Nutting of Leominster; and accepted, in concurrence.

Leominster, —
improvement of
Prospect
street.

A Bill relative to procuring an additional water supply for the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 401) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Worcester, —
additional
water supply.

A Bill to revive the corporation known as the Star Amusement Company (printed as House, No. 1561) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Monk of Watertown; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Star Amuse-
ment Com-
pany.

A Bill to authorize the city of Everett to incur indebtedness for the purpose of refunding abatements on account of taxes of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen (printed as House, No. 1539, amended) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Everett, —
abatements of
taxes.

Bills:

To fix the compensation of the special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 765, changed) (reported on a petition);

Boston
municipal
court, —
special
justices.

Relative to the medical examiners and to the medical examiner service for the county of Suffolk (Senate, No. 402) (new draft of a bill substituted for a House report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1039); and

Suffolk
county, —
medical
examiners.

Relative to the salaries of county treasurers (Senate, No. 398) (reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees);

County
treasurers, —
salaries.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

The House Bill relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service (House, No. 1492) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding at the end of section 2 the words "within twenty-four hours after such removal, suspension, transfer or lowering in rank or compensation, and every police officer sought to be so removed, lowered in rank or compensation, suspended

Civil service,
— removals,
suspensions,
etc.

or transferred, shall be entitled to a public hearing, the same in all respects as provided in section one of this act, including notice of decision, reinstatement and record of proceedings".

The amendment was considered, under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Meyers of Cambridge; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

State budget
system.

The House Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 4, inserting in lines 11, 12 and 13 the words "For this purpose the auditor may appoint a deputy in his department at an annual salary not to exceed thirty-five hundred dollars." (stricken out by amendment by the House); and striking out, in lines 36 to 39, inclusive, the words "Except on recommendation of the governor the general court shall not enact any other bill carrying an appropriation before final action on the general appropriation bill."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Reports of Committees.

Hampden, —
transportation
of school
children.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Charles L. Cooley that the town of Hampden be reimbursed for money expended in the transportation of school children. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Foreign
corporations,
— excise tax.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations (House, No. 1419), recommending that the Senate recede from its amendments (in section 1, inserting after the word "par", in lines 7 and 19, the words "unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the tax commissioner that such stock so issued without a par value is worth an amount less than one hundred dollars per share, in which case, for purposes of taxation, such stock shall be considered as worth its fair cash value as determined by the tax commissioner"). Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Street
railways.

Street
railway com-
panies, —
taxation, etc.

By Mr. Worrall of Attleboro, for the committee on Street Railways, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule):

On so much of the Governor's address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to street railways;

On so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 16, 1918 (Pub. Doc. No. 12), as relates to the payment of corporate franchise taxes by, and the supervision of

the expenditures of, street railway companies and other public service corporations;

On so much of the abstract of the fifth annual report of the Public Service Commission (Pub. Doc. No. 14) as relates to street railway companies; and

Street railway companies, — supervision.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 922) of Roger W. Conant relative to the furnishing of service at cost by street railway companies;

Street railway companies, — service at cost.

Severally considered under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Worrall, in each instance, and accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1426) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the supplementary listing and registration of voters in the military or naval service of the United States. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Voters in the federal service, — supplementary registration.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to the several acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1586). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Miscellaneous appropriations.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the joint committee on Rules, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1549), a Bill to authorize the preparation and publication of designs to indicate on service flags service and incidents of service in the army and navy of the United States.

Service flags, — insignia.

By Mr. Kent of Pittsfield, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1432) ought to pass.

Educational systems, — special investigation.

Severally read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

To provide state prizes for agricultural exhibits;

Bills enacted.

To establish minimum salaries for officers of county penal institutions;

To authorize The Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston to hold additional property;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the retirement of officers of the militia (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the Cavanaugh Brothers Horse Company (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Trust compa-
nies, —
franchise
taxation.

An engrossed Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (see House, No. 1365, amended) was put upon its final passage.

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline Rule 53 was suspended.

On further motion of Mr. Rowley the bill was amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "fourteen", in line 5 (as printed), the words "and by chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the general acts of the current year"; and by inserting after the word "deductions", in line 30, the words ", excepting, however, securities which, if owned by a natural person resident in this commonwealth, would not be liable to taxation,".

Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the creation of a judicature commission, was accepted.

Reports:

Of the committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Street Railways, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 181) of Charles S. Lawler for the improvement of the transportation system of the metropolitan district and that provision be made for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the Cambridge subway; and

Of the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on so much of the report of the Street Railway Investigation Commission (Senate, No. 265) as relates to the Boston Elevated Railway Company;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to appropriations by cities and towns to provide aid for dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors in the federal service (House, No. 1510) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable (Senate, No. 376) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to reorganize the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows: —

In section 3, by inserting after the word "shall", in line 6, the words "with its approval"; and by inserting after the word "compensation", in line 9, the words "and he may for cause and with the approval of the commission remove such agents, teachers and subordinate officers"; and

In section 4, by striking out all after the word "shall", in line 11, to and including the word "chapter", in line 13, and inserting in place thereof the words "determine what offices and positions are necessary to carry out the work relative to the blind".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377, amended), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Mr. Hull of Leominster moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the city of Fall River (Senate, No. 353).

After debate Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the bill (Senate, No. 377) be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by inserting after the word "convey", in line 5, the words "for the sum of one dollar free from all reversions or restrictions"; and by striking out, in line 8, the word "instrument", and inserting in place thereof the words "a warranty deed"; and

In section 3, by striking out, in line 21, the word "ten", and inserting in place thereof the word "fifteen".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Clauss of Cambridge.

The amendments moved by Mr. Donovan were then rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Hull was rejected, by a vote of 39 to 80; and the bill, as previously amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 378) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 379) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to make certain substantive corrections in existing laws (House, No. 1530) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) was read a third time.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 2, the word "eight", and inserting in place thereof the word "seven".

After debate, pending the question on the adoption of the amendment, —

At one o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet at two o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Bliss of Malden had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Bliss took the Chair.

Bill Ordered Reprinted.

General laws,
— substantive
corrections.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill the Bill to make certain substantive corrections in existing laws (House, No. 1530) was ordered reprinted.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Boston
Chamber of
Commerce, —
trust fund.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 719) of Harry Hamilton and another that the Boston Chamber of Commerce be authorized to establish a trust fund;

Bank Com-
missioner, —
compensation.

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 216) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Bank Commissioner be established; and

Motor vehicles,
— temporary
surtaxes.

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 222) of H. B. Endicott and others that provision be made for additional revenue by the imposition of temporary surtaxes on motor vehicles and operators thereof;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Bridgewater,
— mother of
Mertie B. Snow.

A Bill to authorize the town of Bridgewater to pay a sum of money to the mother of Mertie B. Snow (printed as House, No. 1568, changed) (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, and the bill was read a second and a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Attleboro and
Taunton, —
purchase of a

A Bill to authorize the cities of Attleboro and Taunton to purchase or acquire a part of a street railway line (Senate, No.

405) (new draft of House bill No. 1516), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

street railway line.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House should concur with the Senate in its amendments of the House Bill to establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in its amendments.

Militia, — salary of chief quartermaster and superintendent of armories.

By Mr. Atwood of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 342, amended) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: "An Act to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission and to provide for the transfer of its powers to the city of Boston" (House, No. 1587).

Metropolitan Transportation Commission; Boston Transit Commission.

By Mr. Woodill of Melrose, for the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan as a member of the police force of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1581, changed by striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter: *provided* that such acceptance occurs prior to the thirty-first day of December in the current year.").

Cambridge police department, — Jeremiah J. Coughlan.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to authorize the preparation and publication of designs to indicate on service flags service and incidents of service in the army and navy of the United States ought to pass (House, No. 1588). Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Service flags, — insignia.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

In addition to the several acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1586); and

Orders of the day.

To increase the salary of the actuary of the Massachusetts Insurance Department (printed as Senate, No. 365);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to revive the corporation known as the Star Amusement Company (printed as House, No. 1561) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered

further; and pending the main question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill.

The Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) was considered; and pending the question on the rejection of the bill, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Austin of Somerville.

The Bill to establish the State Department of Agriculture (House, No. 1555) was read a second time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended, in section 3, by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "their actual travelling expenses and ten dollars per diem of actual service", and inserting in place thereof the words "an annual salary of two hundred and fifty dollars".

After debate the amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to investments of trust companies in real estate for the transaction of their business (House, No. 1559) was read a second time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Putnam of Lowell; and the House then refused, by a vote of 48 to 62, to order the bill to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1584) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide that male residents between the ages of eighteen and fifty years shall engage in useful occupation during the present war (House, No. 1578) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

By striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. The governor may, at any time during the continuance of the present war, issue a proclamation that the employment of all men able to work is necessary for the public protection and welfare. Thirty days after the issue of a proclamation to the aforesaid effect, and thereafter until the termination of the present war, it shall be the duty of every male resident of the commonwealth, who is able to work and who is between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, to engage in some regular, useful occupation for at least thirty-six hours per week, and to comply with the provisions of this act relative to registration. Any such person who fails so to be employed or who fails to comply with the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or both.";

In section 3, by striking out, in line 1, the word "Whenever"; by inserting in line 5, after the word "employment," the words "and thereupon"; by striking out, in line 24, the words "seem to"; by inserting after the word "for", in the same line, the words "certain kinds of"; and by striking out, in lines 24 and 25, the words "under normal conditions of employment";

By inserting after section 3 the following: "SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of every person who receives a certificate as aforesaid and is not at work, to report in person once a week at the office at which he was registered until he becomes employed, and at any time thereafter when he is not employed. The date upon which he so reports shall be marked upon the certificate and the certificate shall not be good if it shows upon its face that more than one week has elapsed without the employment of the holder of the certificate and without an endorsement showing that he had reported as aforesaid.";

In section 5 (as printed), by inserting after the word "agent", in line 12, the words "approved in writing by the director"; and by striking out, in line 15, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall"; and

In section 7 (as printed), by striking out, in lines 11 and 12, the words "in the absence of having in his possession a", and inserting in place thereof the words "on his failure to produce the".

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by inserting after the word "male", in lines 2 and 12, the words "or female";

In section 3, by inserting after the word "positions", in line 15, the words "as manual laborers";

In section 4, by striking out, in line 6, the word "work", and inserting in place thereof the words "manual labor"; and

By inserting after section 10 the following new section: "SECTION 11. A copy of all registrations and assignments of persons as provided for in sections three and five, shall be kept by the city or town clerk of the city or town of which the person registered or assigned is a resident, and shall be open to inspection by any citizen of said city or town."

After debate Mr. Dunkle of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, the words ", if offered suitable employment"; and by striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words "for at least thirty-six hours per week".

Mr. Lyman of Easthampton moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 1 the words "The governor may after the issuance of such proclamation at any time withdraw the same if in his opinion such action will be for the public interest, *provided, however*, that such withdrawal shall not limit the right of the governor to issue a new proclamation under this act whenever he deems it advisable."

Mr. Wall of Worcester moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 3, the word "fifty", and inserting in place thereof the word "sixty"; and by striking out, in

Commonwealth, in accordance with the report of the joint special committee which was appointed to investigate said industry in pursuance of an order adopted by the House on February 21 and by the Senate on February 26 of the current year.

The joint special committee hereby provided for shall have the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed by said order upon the committee appointed thereunder, and shall report to the next General Court not later than the second Wednesday in January. The committee shall report upon the subjects mentioned in said former order, and also upon such additional subjects as are treated or suggested in the report made by the committee under authority of that order. The committee shall be allowed such sums for clerical and other expenses and for the compensation of its members as shall be approved by the Governor and Council.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Municipal
homesteads
for citizens.

Authorizing cities and towns to provide their citizens with homesteads (Senate, No. 410) (new draft of a bill substituted for a House report, leave to withdraw, on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 87);

Boston
Chamber of
Commerce.

Relative to the Boston Chamber of Commerce (Senate, No. 413) (new draft of a bill substituted for a Senate report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 119); and

East Boston, —
removal of
car tracks
from Saratoga
street.

To provide for the removal of electric car tracks on Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 1371, amended) (substituted for a House report, leave to withdraw);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Worcester, —
bridge over
Lake Quinsigamond.

A Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a bridge over a part of Lake Quinsigamond between the city of Worcester and the town of Shrewsbury and to validate certain acts of the city of Worcester in borrowing money for such purpose (Senate, No. 408) (reported on a petition accompanied by bill, House, No. 1540), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Low land, —
improvement.

Relative to the improvement of certain low land (Senate, No. 388, amended) (substituted for a Senate report, reference to the next General Court, on a special report relative to drainage surveys, House, No. 546);

Injured em-
ployees, —
additional
methods of
compensation.

To provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (Senate, No. 390, amended) (new draft of a bill reported on a bill taken from the files of last year, Senate, No. 91, and on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 201, and House, Nos. 845, 846 and 969); and

Relative to the salaries of district attorneys and assistant district attorneys (Senate, No. 399) (reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees);

District attorneys and assistants, — salaries.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions in recognition of the honor conferred by the Republic of France upon certain soldiers of Massachusetts (Senate, No. 406) (reported on a message from the Governor, House, No. 1509), adopted by the Senate, were read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Massachusetts soldiers, — honor conferred by France.

The House Bill relative to appropriations by cities and towns in aid of dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors (House, No. 1510) (its title having been changed by the Senate) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding at the end thereof the following new section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Dependents of soldiers and sailors, — municipal aid.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill to provide for service at cost by street railway companies (House, No. 1577) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 14, striking out all after the word "decision", in line 7, and inserting in place thereof the words "the company may apply by petition to the supreme judicial court for a reversal or modification of said order or decision. The court may appoint three commissioners to determine the facts and questions at issue, and their report, when confirmed by the court, shall be final."

Street railway companies, — service at cost.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor concerning the sheep raising industry (Senate, No. 412) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Agriculture.

Message from the Governor, — sheep raising industry.

Notice was received that the House Bill to regulate the soliciting and raising of money for war charities (House, No. 1564) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Solicitation for war charities, — licenses.

Also that the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1541) of the mayor of the city of Worcester and others relative to the payment of rental by the trustees of the Worcester State Hospital to said city for the use of its sewerage system, had been referred, under the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court, the Senate having non-concurred in the suspension of said rule.

Worcester State Hospital, — rental for sewerage system.

Also that the following House orders had severally been rejected by the Senate: —

Order requesting the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly, to make certain recommendations as to street railway companies; and

Street railway companies.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company.

Order relative to an investigation by a joint special committee of the expediency of the operation of the Bay State Street Railway by the Commonwealth.

Reports of Committees.

State Board of
Agriculture,
— reorganiza-
tion.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Warren E. Tarbell for the creation of a state department of agriculture in place of the present State Board of Agriculture.

Fish industry,
— report of an
investigation.

Mr. Allen of Newton, for the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, reported submitting certain findings and making certain recommendations (House, No. 1591).

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College, —
maintenance.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 373, amended) ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Street railway
companies, —
taxation.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the taxation of street railway companies (House, No. 1574) be referred to the next General Court.

Street railway
companies, —
public ways;
snow and ice.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the repair and maintenance of public ways and places in which street railways are located, and to the removal of snow and ice therefrom (House, No. 1575) be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on reference to the next General Court.

State dry
dock, —
completion.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1580), a Bill relative to the Commonwealth dry dock (printed in House, No. 1580). Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Monatiquot
river, — new
bridge in
Braintree.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the construction of a new bridge over the Monatiquot river in the town of Braintree (House, No. 1565) ought to pass.

Unlicensed
dogs.

By Mr. Cooley of East Longmeadow, for the same committee, that the Bill making further provision for the enforcement of the laws relative to unlicensed dogs (Senate, No. 393) ought to pass.

Suffolk county,
— medical
examiners.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the medical examiners and to the medical examiner service for the county of Suffolk (Senate, No. 402) ought to pass.

Boston munic-
ipal court, —
special
justices.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to fix the compensation of the special justices of the municipal

court of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 765, changed) ought to pass.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for further investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and streams of the Commonwealth (House, No. 175) ought to pass.

Rivers and streams, — conservation of water.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for certain improvements and equipment at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 362) ought to pass with amendments striking out, in line 8, the words "and residence for engineer," and striking out all after the word "dollars", in line 15.

Massachusetts Agricultural College, — improvements and equipment.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 384) ought to pass.

Massachusetts Agricultural College, state control.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Wadleigh of Merrimac, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the reconstruction of Floating bridge over Glenmere pond in the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 381, amended) ought to pass.

Floating bridge in Lynn, — reconstruction.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the appointment in certain counties of trustees for county aid to agriculture (Senate, No. 394) ought to pass.

Agriculture, — trustees for county aid.

The rules were suspended, on motion of the same member in each instance; and the bills were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a part of a message from the Governor (House, No. 1305), a Bill making appropriations for the purchase of coal and certain miscellaneous items of maintenance for state institutions and boards (House, No. 1590), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

State institutions and boards, — coal, etc.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the joint committee on Rules, on the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water-power resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1457), and on the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1502), a Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1592). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Water resources, — special investigation commission.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding session, refused to order to a third reading the Bill relative to investments of

Trust companies, — investments in real estate.

trust companies in real estate for the transaction of their business (House, No. 1559); and this motion, after, debate, was negatived, by a vote of 56 to 61.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies;

Relative to the assessment of the excise upon foreign corporations;

To authorize the city of Boston to reinstate John F. Cox in the fire department;

Relative to the compensation of certain appointees of the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Relative to the removal, suspension or reduction of persons in the classified civil service;

To prohibit and provide for the abatement of certain nuisances on the seashore in certain counties;

Relative to the improvement by the Massachusetts Highway Commission of Prospect street in the city of Leominster;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To revive the corporation known as the Star Amusement Company;

To provide for the maintenance of the infirmary of the county of Barnstable;

To authorize the town of Bridgewater to pay a sum of money to the mother of Mertie B. Snow; and

Relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the widow of Frank Bartlett (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Boulevard
Trust Com-
pany of
Brookline, —
real estate.

The engrossed Bill to authorize the Boulevard Trust Company of Brookline to hold real estate in the town of Brookline (which originated in the Senate) (see House, No. 1249) was put upon its final passage.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended by striking out the enacting clause.

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment, the same member moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until after the disposition of the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

Subsequently the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Orders of
the day.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 719) of Harry Hamilton and another that the Boston Chamber of Commerce be authorized to establish a trust fund;

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 216) of Herbert A. Wilson that the compensation of the Bank Commissioner be established; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 222) of H. B. Endicott and others that provision be made for additional revenue by the imposition of temporary sur-taxes on motor vehicles and operators thereof;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill to establish the salary of the chief quartermaster of the militia (House, No. 1522) were adopted, in concurrence, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

To provide for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan as a member of the police force of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1581, changed);

To authorize the preparation and publication of designs to indicate on service flags service and incidents of service in the army and navy of the United States (House, No. 1588); and

To authorize the cities of Attleboro and Taunton to purchase or acquire a part of a street railway line (Senate, No. 405);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

In addition to the several acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1586); and

To increase the salary of the actuary of the Massachusetts Insurance Department (printed as Senate, No. 365);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Everett to incur indebtedness for the purpose of refunding abatements on account of taxes of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen (printed as House, No. 1539) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to establish a budget system for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1528, amended) was considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in certain amendments.

After debate (Mr. Rowley of Brookline being in the chair) the amendments were adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 378, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 379, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Hull of Leominster moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "convey", in line 5, the words "free of all incumbrance".

After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the amendment was rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Bill to abolish the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, and to establish the Commission on Public Utilities (House, No. 1554), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate the amendment previously moved by Mr. Smith of Boston (that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill relative to the Public Service Commission, House, No. 1582) was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1426) of Horace E. Dunkle relative to the supplementary listing and registration of voters in the military or naval service of the United States, was considered.

Mr. Dunkle of Boston moved that the report be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for the supplementary listing and registering of soldiers and sailors (House, No. 1585), which was read.

The amendment was adopted. The rules were then suspended, on further motion of the same member; and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate the House refused, by a vote of 27 to 52, to reject the bill; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

The Bill relative to procuring an additional water supply for the city of Worcester (Senate, No. 401) was read a third time.

Mr. Dean of Worcester moved that the bill be amended by striking out section 4 (section 7, as printed), and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 4. This act shall take

effect upon its acceptance by the city government of the city of Worcester."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission and to provide for the transfer of its powers to the city of Boston (House, No. 1587) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to establish the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (House, No. 1593).

After debate on the question on the adoption of the amendment, —

At one o'clock, under the provisions of a standing order, the Speaker declared the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at twelve o'clock, noon.

MONDAY, May 27, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Second-hand
motor vehicles,
— sale.

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 83) of Mark E. Couch that the sale of second-hand motor vehicles be regulated; and

Id.

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1106) of Dennis F. Reardon relative to the purchase and sale of second-hand motor vehicles;

Prison officers,
— salaries.

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the salaries of prison officers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 91);

Motor vehicle
fees, —
distribution.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1042) of I. U. Wood relative to the distribution to cities and towns of the proceeds of the license fees for motor vehicles; and

Id.

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185), as relates to the disposition of motor vehicle fees and fines;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Clerks and
assistant
clerks of
courts, —
salaries.

A Bill relative to the salaries of clerks and assistant clerks of the courts (Senate, No. 400) (reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
absent
voting.

A Bill to provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States (Senate, No. 375, amended) (reported on so much of the Governor's address, Senate, No. 1, as relates to absentee voting, and on petitions accompanied by bills, Senate, No. 8, and House, Nos. 5, 334, 569 and 688) [Messrs. Sawyer of Ware and O'Connor of Chicopee, of the House, dissenting]; and

A Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, and related matters (Senate, No. 409) (reported on a Senate order providing for the appointment of a joint special recess committee to investigate said subject);

Motor vehicle fees, — disposition.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill to reorganize the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out, in lines 12 to 15, inclusive, the words "At least four of the initial appointees as associate members hereunder shall be taken from the present membership of the Massachusetts commission for the blind."

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, — reorganisation.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston; and the House refused to concur therein. On further motion of Mr. Smith the House asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. The Speaker appointed Mr. Smith and Messrs. Monk of Watertown and Crowley of Abington the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor concerning the taxation of intangible personal property to meet war expenses (Senate, No. 414) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Intangible personal property, — taxation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be suspended on the communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms transmitting documents covering engineering expenses in connection with procuring, under an order of the General Court of 1917, estimates of the cost of improving the ventilation of the Senate and House chambers and the various committee rooms of the State House. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the communication was referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

Sergeant-at-Arms, — ventilation of the Senate and House chambers and committee rooms.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, no further legislation necessary, on the preliminary report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, with special reference to budget procedure (House, No. 17).

State finances, — budget procedure.

By the same member, for the same committee, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes

State finances, — special report.

which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as was referred to said committee.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Fairhaven,
— clams and
quahaugs.

By Mr. Smith of Provincetown, for the committee on Fisheries and Game, on a petition, a Bill relative to the planting and cultivating of clams and quahaugs in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 1521, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 3, the word "fifteen", and inserting in place thereof the word "ten").

Wareham, —
quahaugs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the planting, growing and digging of quahaugs in the town of Wareham (House, No. 1560, changed in section 1 by striking out, in line 3, the word "fifteen", and inserting in place thereof the word "ten").

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To establish the District Court of Nantucket;

To establish a budget system for the Commonwealth;

To authorize the county of Essex to pay a sum of money to the widow of John J. Connor of Peabody;

Relative to appropriations by cities and towns in aid of dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors;

To establish the salaries of the chief quartermaster and the superintendent of armories of the militia;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to procuring an additional water supply for the city of Worcester; and

To authorize the city of Everett to incur indebtedness for the purpose of refunding abatements on account of taxes of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Hotels and
private
lodging houses,
— inspection
and regulation.

The engrossed Bill to provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses (which originated in the Senate) (see Senate, No. 347, amended) was put upon its final passage.

Rule 53 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Frothingham of Lynn.

On further motion of the same member the bill was amended, in section 5, by inserting after the words "averaging less than four hundred square feet floor area per room" the words ", excepting a private dining room not containing a bed or couch, or opening into a room containing a bed or couch,".

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

Reports:

Of the committees on Agriculture and Administration and Commissions, sitting jointly, reference to the next General Court (under the provisions of the 10th joint rule), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Warren E. Tarbell for the creation of a state department of agriculture in place of the present State Board of Agriculture; and

Orders of
the day.

Of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, submitting certain findings and making certain recommendations (House, No. 1591);

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolutions in recognition of the honor conferred by the Republic of France upon certain soldiers of Massachusetts (Senate, No. 406) were adopted, in concurrence, as follows:—

Whereas, The Republic of France has conferred upon sons of Massachusetts the Croix de Guerre, a decoration bestowed only for distinguished courage in battle; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, that The Commonwealth of Massachusetts offers to the Republic of France her grateful thanks for the honor conferred upon her sons. She is proud to find in it not only a testimony to the courage of Massachusetts soldiers, but also a recognition of the fact that they are bearing their due part in the great task for which they were sent forth, and proving by their conduct on a foreign field that the peace with liberty which Massachusetts has always sought is a peace with liberty for all men. The Commonwealth welcomes the opportunity afforded by the generous action of the Republic of France to pledge that, as in former days men of France fought side by side with her sons in this land for a common ideal of human welfare, so to-day in common service of the same great end shall the strength and spirit of Massachusetts be spent for France; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the Republic of France.

The Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 373, amended) was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills:

Making further provision for the enforcement of the laws relative to unlicensed dogs (Senate, No. 393);

Relative to the medical examiners and to the medical examiner service for the county of Suffolk (Senate, No. 402); and

To fix the compensation of the special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 765, changed);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for certain improvements and equipment at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 362) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means were adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan as a member of the police force of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 1581, changed);

Relative to flag designs indicating service and incidents of service in the army and navy of the United States (House, No. 1588) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Making appropriations for coal and other items of maintenance for state institutions and boards (House, No. 1590) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the State Department of Agriculture (House, No. 1555) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 3, by striking out, in line 6, the words "once each month" and by adding at the end of said section the words "and meetings shall be called at any time upon the request of five or more associate members".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the reconstruction of Floating bridge over Glenmere pond in the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 381, amended); and

To authorize the cities of Attleboro and Taunton to acquire part of a street railway line (Senate, No. 405) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission and to provide for the transfer of its powers to the city of Boston (House, No. 1587), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission.

After further debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Brown of Woburn was then rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Hays was

rejected, by a vote of 38 to 61; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district (Senate, No. 363) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate Mr. Underhill of Somerville withdrew the amendment previously moved by him, there being no objection; and after further debate the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the taxation of street railway companies (House, No. 1574) was considered.

After debate on the question on referring the bill to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Corey of Northborough moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly at twenty-eight minutes before two o'clock, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at one o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet at three o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Order.

The consideration of the following order, offered by Mr. Allen of Newton, was postponed until the next session, at the request of that member:—

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, and a transcript of the evidence taken before said committee, be transmitted to the Attorney-General, and that he be requested to take such proceedings as in his judgment may be appropriate to determine whether the Boston Fish Market Corporation has allowed to be made any unlawful or improper use of the leased premises in violation of the terms of its lease from the Commonwealth, and, if so, to take such steps as may be necessary or expedient to compel compliance with the covenants of the lease or its termination. Also that the Attorney-General be requested to examine the record of the proceedings of the committee as transmitted to him, with a view to determining whether the provisions of chapter 650 of the Acts of 1912, or of any other statutes of the Commonwealth, have been violated by the Bay State Fishing Company of Maine or any of its subsidiary companies, or by the president or any officials or agents of any of the said companies, and if in his judgment there has been such violation to take such steps as in his judgment may be fitting in the premises.

Attorney-General, —
proceedings
against
certain fishing
interests.

Papers from the Senate.

County
commissioners,
— salaries.

A Bill relative to the salaries of county commissioners (Senate, No. 407) (new draft of a bill reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Counties on the part of the House.

District
Police, —
salaries.

A Bill to establish the salaries of the officers, members, clerks and stenographers of the District Police (Senate, No. 418) (new draft of a bill substituted for a Senate report, no legislation necessary, on certain recommendations of the Chief of the District Police, House, Nos. 180, 183 and 184), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bradford
Durfee Textile
School of Fall
River, —
state control.

The Senate Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 377) came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof a new section, with an amendment, in the second sentence thereof, striking out the words "each year".

New Bedford
Textile School,
— state
control.

The Senate Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 378) came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof a new section, with an amendment, in the second sentence thereof, striking out the words "each year".

Lowell Textile
School, —
state control.

The Senate Bill to provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 379) came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendment striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof a new section, with an amendment, in the second sentence thereof, striking out the words "each year".

The amendments were severally considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford, in each instance; and they were severally adopted, in concurrence.

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind,
— reorganisa-
tion.

The House Bill to reorganize the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Jackson, Beck and McLaughlin had been joined.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To provide for the transfer of the property of the Lowell Textile School to the Commonwealth;

To provide for the transfer of the property of the New Bedford Textile School to the Commonwealth; and

To provide for the transfer of the property of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River to the Commonwealth;
(Which severally originated in the Senate);
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the joint committee on Ways and Means, no further legislation necessary:

On the preliminary report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth, with special reference to budget procedure (House, No. 17); and Orders of the Day.

On so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as was referred to said committee;

Were severally accepted. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw:

On the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 83) of Mark E. Couch that the sale of second-hand motor vehicles be regulated; and

On the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1106) of Dennis F. Reardon relative to the purchase and sale of second-hand motor vehicles;

Of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (House, No. 80) as relates to the salaries of prison officers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 91);

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1042) of I. U. Wood relative to the distribution to cities and towns of the proceeds of the license fees for motor vehicles; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the final report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to investigate and report on any and all changes which they may deem necessary for the better, more economical and more efficient administration of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1185) as relates to the disposition of motor vehicle fees and fines;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the planting, growing and digging of quahaugs in the town of Wareham (House, No. 1560, changed);

Relative to the planting and cultivating of clams and quahaugs in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 1521, changed); Authorizing cities and towns to provide their citizens with homesteads (Senate, No. 410); and

Relative to the Boston Chamber of Commerce (Senate, No. 413); and

The Resolve providing for further investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and streams of the Commonwealth (House, No. 175);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for supplementary listing and registering of soldiers and sailors (House, No. 1585) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to provide for supplementary registration of soldiers and sailors (House, No. 1594).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the medical examiners and to the medical examiner service for the county of Suffolk (Senate, No. 402); and

To fix the compensation of the special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 765, changed);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for certain improvements and equipment at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (Senate, No. 362, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

The Bill relative to the taxation of street railway companies (House, No. 1574), being the unfinished business of the morning session, was considered further, the question being on referring it to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

After debate (Mr. John L. Donovan of Boston being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford.

The bill was then referred to the next General Court, by a vote of 132 to 25.

The Bill relative to the repair and maintenance of public ways and places in which street railways are located, and to the removal of snow and ice therefrom (House, No. 1575) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill relative to the construction of a new bridge over the Monatiquot river in the town of Braintree (House, No. 1565) was read a second time.

Mr. Kiernan of Wareham moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out all after the word "dollars", in line 7, and inserting in place thereof the words "; but no part of said additional sum shall be assessed upon the county of Plymouth or any political division thereof."

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) the amendment was rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Paine of Holbrook; and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the Commonwealth dry dock (printed in House, No. 1580) was read a second time.

After debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) Mr. O'Connor of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Ballantyne of Boston; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 384) was read a second time.

Mr. Doyle of New Bedford moved that the bill be amended, in section 4, by striking out, in lines 15, 16 and 17, the words "Monthly statements of receipts and expenditures shall be rendered by the treasurer", and inserting in place thereof the words "Appropriations made by the general court shall be expended upon properly approved vouchers submitted".

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended, in section 2, by striking out the first sentence thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following: "The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall on the first day of October appoint fourteen trustees, one from each of the several counties of the state, two to serve one year, two to serve two years, two to serve three years, two to serve four years, two to serve five years, two to serve six years and two to serve seven years."

After debate the amendment moved by Mr. Doyle was adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was rejected, by a vote of 31 to 48; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the removal of electric car tracks on Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 1371, amended) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1582) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 78 to 30. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the appointment in certain counties of trustees for county aid to agriculture (Senate, No. 394) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting before the word "days", in line 27, the word "fifteen".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill relative to the borrowing of money by the city of Worcester for the construction of a bridge over part of Lake Quinsigamond (Senate, No. 408) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1584) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 4, by inserting in line 14, after the word "represent", the words "a capital bearing";

In section 5, by striking out all after the word "company", in line 20, to and including the word "trusts", in line 22; and

In section 7, by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words "and charge to interest,".

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendments Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes past five o'clock, the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Jewett of Lowell), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

TUESDAY, May 28, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, the consideration of which was postponed from the preceding session, was adopted: —

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth, and a transcript of the evidence taken before said committee, be transmitted to the Attorney-General, and that he be requested to take such proceedings as in his judgment may be appropriate to determine whether the Boston Fish Market Corporation has allowed to be made any unlawful or improper use of the leased premises in violation of the terms of its lease from the Commonwealth, and, if so, to take such steps as may be necessary or expedient to compel compliance with the covenants of the lease or its termination. Also that the Attorney-General be requested to examine the record of the proceedings of the committee as transmitted to him, with a view to determining whether the provisions of chapter 650 of the Acts of 1912, or of any other statutes of the Commonwealth, have been violated by the Bay State Fishing Company of Maine or any of its subsidiary companies, or by the president or any officials or agents of any of the said companies, and if in his judgment there has been such violation to take such steps as in his judgment may be fitting in the premises.

Attorney-General, —
proceedings
against
certain fishing
interests.

Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Pierce of Greenfield introduced (on leave) a Bill to establish the salaries of the assistant engineers, firemen and helpers employed in the Sergeant-at-Arms' department at the State House. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

State House
assistant
engineers,
firemen and
helpers, —
salaries.

Mr. Briggs of Plymouth introduced (on leave), under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, a Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of competition in commodities in common use (House, No. 1595), the same being based on the report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth (House, No. 1591).

Monopolies and
combinations
in restraint of
competition.

The bill was read; and, under a suspension of the rule, on motion of the same member, it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Message from
the Governor,
— taxation of
intangible
personal
property.

A report of the committee on Taxation, no legislation necessary, on the message from His Excellency the Governor concerning the taxation of intangible personal property to meet war expenses (Senate, No. 414), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Voluntary
industrial group
insurance.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Resolve to provide for the promotion of voluntary industrial group insurance (Senate, No. 368), recommending that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the House amendments and concur therein, accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett.

Sub-con-
tractors, —
liens.

The House Bill relative to liens of sub-contractors for labor and materials on buildings and land (House, No. 1576) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 3. Said chapter two hundred and ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out section seven and substituting the following: — *Section 7.* The lien provided for by section two and the lien provided for by section three shall be dissolved unless the contractor, or some person claiming by, through or under him, shall, within thirty days after the date on which the principal contract is to be performed, file in the registry of deeds in the county or district in which the land is situated a statement, signed and sworn to by him, or by some person in his behalf, giving a just and true account of the amount due him, with all just credits, a brief description of the property, and the name of the owner or owners as set forth in the notice of contract. The lien provided for by section three *a* shall be dissolved unless the sub-contractor, or some person claiming by, through or under him, shall, within thirty days after the date on which the contract of said sub-contractor is to be performed, file in the registry of deeds in the county or district in which the land is situated a statement, signed and sworn to by him, or by some person in his behalf, giving a just and true account of the amount due him, with all just credits, a brief description of the property, and the name of the owner or owners as set forth in the notice of contract."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill; and, on further motion of the same member, the House concurred therein, with an amendment adding at the end thereof the words "The lien for labor provided for by section one shall be dissolved unless such certificate is filed within the forty days provided in said section."

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

Business cor-
porations, —
excise tax.

Notice was received that the House Bill imposing an excise tax upon business corporations (House, No. 1563) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill to reorganize the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House, No. 1548), recommending that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment, and concur therein with an amendment striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. The commission for the blind shall consist of a director, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years, and five associate members to consist of the members of the present commission for the blind for the remainder of the terms for which they were respectively appointed, and the other members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for terms of one and four years, respectively. Thereafter, as the terms expire, the governor shall annually appoint in like manner an associate member for a term of five years, and every fifth year a director; shall fill all vacancies for the unexpired term; and may, for cause, and with the consent of the council, remove the director or any member. The director shall receive such annual salary, not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars, as the governor and council shall determine. The associate members shall serve without compensation, but they and the director shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties."; and that the Senate concur in this amendment.

Massachusetts
Commission
for the Blind,
— reorgani-
zation.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Smith, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the salaries of county treasurers (Senate, No. 398) ought to pass.

County
treasurers,
— salaries.

By Mr. Hirsch of Dedham, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the salaries of county commissioners (Senate, No. 407) ought to pass.

County
commissioners,
— salaries.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1592) ought to pass.

Water
resources, —
special in-
vestigation.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, and related matters (Senate, No. 409) ought to pass.

Motor vehicle
fees, — dis-
position.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for service at cost by street railway companies;

Bills
enacted.

Imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of foreign corporations;

Imposing an additional tax upon the net incomes of domestic corporations;

Making appropriations for coal and other items of maintenance for state institutions;

To establish the salary of the actuary of the Massachusetts Insurance Department;

To authorize the cities of Attleboro and Taunton to acquire part of a street railway line;

To provide for the reinstatement of Jeremiah J. Coughlan as a member of the police force of the city of Cambridge;

To impose an additional tax upon the income from certain forms of intangible property and from trades and professions;

Providing that notice by mail shall be given to parties interested in certain hearings before the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To fix the compensation of the special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

Relative to the reconstruction of Floating bridge over Glenmere pond in the city of Lynn;

Relative to the medical examiners and to the medical examiner service for the county of Suffolk; and

Relative to the organization and salaries of the district attorney's office for the Suffolk district;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for certain improvements and equipment at the Massachusetts Agricultural College (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Next Session — Hour of Meeting.

Next session,
— hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden the provisions of the standing order providing that the House shall meet at two o'clock P.M. were suspended; and, on further motion of the same member, it was voted that, when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

Orders of
the day.

Relative to the planting and cultivating of clams and quahaugs in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 1521, changed); and

Relative to the planting, growing and digging of quahaugs in the town of Wareham (House, No. 1560, changed); and

The Resolve providing for further investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and streams of the Commonwealth (House, No. 175);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the Boston Chamber of Commerce (Senate, No. 413) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 384, amended) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1584), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Newhall of Stoneham moved that the bill be amended, in section 21, by striking out lines 1 to 37, inclusive, and lines 48 to 67, inclusive; and by striking out "(b)", in line 38, and inserting in place thereof the words "The new company".

Mr. Barry of Lynn moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

By striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. Upon the filing of the agreement of association with the secretary of the commonwealth for the purpose of organizing the new company as provided in section one, the governor shall appoint five persons, who shall be residents of cities and towns in which railway lines operated by the new company are located, to act as trustees as hereinafter provided. Upon the acquisition by the new company of the property and franchises of the company, said trustees shall assume the management and control of the new company, as hereinafter provided, and shall serve for a term which shall expire three years from the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and thereafter appointments shall be made, as above provided, every three years so long as public operation of the new company continues. Each trustee shall receive from the new company, as compensation for his services, five thousand dollars annually. In case of any vacancy on said board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall fill such vacancy for the residue of the unexpired term.";

By inserting the following new section: "SECTION . The trustees shall be sworn before entering upon the performance of their duties and shall own no stock or other securities of the new company or any company owned, leased or operated by it; nor shall they personally, or through a partner or agent, or in any other way except in their capacity as trustees, be in the employ of or receive pay from the new company; nor shall they be in the employ of, receive pay from or be pecuniarily interested in any corporation, company or association which finances the new company or contracts to do work or furnish supplies for said company, except as the result of open, competitive bidding. The trustees shall not be considered public officers within the meaning of section twenty-five of chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, but shall, in their exercise of the rights and powers of the new company and its directors, be otherwise subject in all respects to the pro-

visions of said section. The provisions of section one of chapter seven of the revised laws shall not apply to the said board.”;

By striking out section 4, and inserting in place thereof the following: “SECTION 4. For the purpose of paying for the property and franchises of the company, the new company may issue common stock and preferred stock, in such proportions as may be approved by the directors and by the trustees, to an aggregate par value which shall not exceed one half the amount obtained by adding to thirty-nine million nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand three hundred and forty dollars — being the amount of capital determined by the public service commission to have been honestly and prudently invested in property within the commonwealth owned or leased by the company and used for street railway purposes as of November first, nineteen hundred and fourteen — such amount of capital, not obtained from the issue of receiver’s certificates or of receiver’s notes, as may be determined by said commission to have been honestly and prudently invested in net additions or improvements to such property since that date, and by deducting an amount equal to the rentals, capitalized on a six per cent basis, of property within the commonwealth leased to the company. Preferred stock so issued shall be entitled to cumulative, preferential dividends not exceeding six per cent, and to such preferences in liquidation as may be approved by the trustees and by the directors. The new company may also, in connection with the acquisition of the property and franchises of the company, assume outstanding bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the company, or issue new bonds in lieu thereof of like face value and interest rate, to an amount which in the aggregate shall not exceed the aggregate of common stock and preferred stock issued as above provided.”;

By striking out all of section 6 to and including the word “cash”, in line 6, and inserting in place thereof the words “Amounts deducted in any year from the earnings of the new company otherwise applicable to dividends and applied to the payment of installments of serial bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued for additions and improvements to the property shall be capitalized, to the extent that stockholders are deprived of cash dividends in said year by reason of such deductions,”; and

By inserting the following new section: “SECTION . The trustees may make changes in service or facilities without a prior public hearing, but upon complaint in writing relative to the character or extent of the service and facilities furnished, signed by the mayor of any city or the selectmen of any town in which the new company operates, or by not less than twenty patrons of the new company, the trustees shall give a public hearing, if requested so to do, shall fully investigate the matter complained of, and shall take such action within their powers as the facts seem to justify, stating their reasons therefor. Any such hearing may be conducted by a single trustee.”

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the bill be amended, in section 15, by striking out lines 10 to 15, inclusive; and by adding at the end of said section the following paragraph: “The trustees

shall divide the territory served by the company into fifteen districts having a community of interest, following substantially the plan adopted by the engineers of the company in the so-called 'Bay State Rate Case', decided by the public service commission on August thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, as indicated in exhibits filed in said case, and shall keep their accounts so as to show, as near as may be, the cost of service as herein defined and the revenues received in each said district, and the proportionate amount of securities of the new company of each class assignable thereto. In fixing any rates and fares, under the provisions of section fifteen hereof, the trustees shall not establish in any district rates and fares which will in their opinion yield a revenue more than sufficient, in connection with all other sources of income, to produce earnings applicable to dividends on the common stock assignable to such district equal to six per cent. per annum upon said stock, and if the records kept, as above provided, show at the end of any fiscal year that the earnings within said district have been in excess of such amount, the rates and fares within said district shall be correspondingly reduced, any other provision in this act to the contrary notwithstanding."

After further debate (the Speaker having returned to the chair) Mr. Worrall of Attleboro moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session, first in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission and to provide for the transfer of its powers to the city of Boston (House, No. 1587) was read a third time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 3, by striking out, in lines 8, 9 and 10, the words "or by such officers as may be prescribed by the city council of said city, to be appointed by the mayor,".

The same member moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a Bill to extend the term of office of the Boston Transit Commission.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Hays.

The amendments were then severally rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the appointment of dog officers by the county commissioners (Senate, No. 393) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Said committee reported that the bill ought not to pass. The recommendation was negatived; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the Commonwealth dry dock (printed in House, No. 1580) was read a third time.

Mr. Warner of Taunton moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session, second in the orders of the day; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed Mr. Brown of Woburn moved that the House adjourn; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes past one o'clock (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at one o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Woodill of Melrose), to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Opinion of the Attorney-General.

The following communication was received from the Attorney-General: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
BOSTON, May 28, 1918.

HON. CHANNING H. COX, *Speaker, House of Representatives.*

DEAR SIR: — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of an order from the House of Representatives in the following form:

"*Ordered*, That the House of Representatives hereby requests the opinion of the Attorney-General on the following question of law: Would Senate Bill No. 321 of the current year, being 'An Act to provide for the registration of certain aliens,' if enacted into law be valid, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States?"

The important sections of the bill in question are as follows:

"SECTION 1. Every male alien, twenty years and over, unless enrolled in the military or naval service of the United States, who has resided in this commonwealth for twelve months prior to the first day of May in the current year, shall, between the first and twentieth days of May in said year or within such further time not exceeding thirty days as the city or town clerk may for good cause allow, file with the clerk of the city or town wherein he resides, upon blanks to be furnished by said clerk, a written statement setting forth his name, age, residence by street and number, his employment and place of business, place of birth, port or point of entry into the United States and date. Said statement shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars. On or before the first day of July in the current year the proceeds of all such registration fees received by the city or town, less the expense to the city or town of conducting said registration, to be approved by the treasurer and receiver general, shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth."

"SECTION 3. Failure on the part of any alien designated in section one to comply with the provisions thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars to the use of the commonwealth."

The proposed bill contains two main features. It requires "every male alien, twenty years and over, unless enrolled in the

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military or naval service of the United States, who has resided in this commonwealth for twelve months prior to the first day of May in the current year" to register with the city or town clerk of his residence and file a written statement of certain facts concerning his history. Failure to comply with this requirement subjects the alien to a fine of "not less than twenty-five dollars." The bill then provides: "Said statement shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars."

In my opinion, at least in time of war, the registration feature of this bill, if enacted into law, would be valid as a reasonable police regulation in the interest of the public safety. In time of war it is vital that it be publicly known what residents of the community are alien enemies. Furthermore, I am of the opinion that it cannot be said that the General Court would not be warranted in concluding that aliens who are subjects of neutral or even friendly nations are more likely than citizens to become involved in unfriendly or hostile acts or enterprises. The registration requirement of this bill, in providing for a public record in time of war of the facts specified regarding persons who are likely to be a source of danger to the community, seems to me a measure reasonably directed toward the preservation of the public safety.

The difficulty with the proposed act arises from the requirement of the registration fee of five dollars. The bill, in its present form, as passed to be engrossed in the Senate, seems to indicate that it is intended, in part at least, to be a revenue measure. Section 1 closes with the following provision:

"On or before the first day of July in the current year the proceeds of all such registration fees received by the city or town, less the expense to the city or town of conducting said registration, to be approved by the treasurer and receiver general, shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth."

Whether the amount of money to be realized by such a fee could be regarded as not disproportionate to the financial burden imposed by the registration upon the Commonwealth and its cities and towns is, in the first instance, a legislative question. The judgment of the General Court would not lightly be set aside by the courts. If this fee can be deemed to bear a reasonable relation to such cost, it would then be imposed in connection with or as a part of a valid police regulation, and would not, in my judgment, in that event, be in violation of the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, prohibiting the denial of the equal protection of the laws. Whether such a fee can be imposed under the Constitution of the Commonwealth, in view of the fact that it would in no way be connected with any privilege granted by the laws of the Commonwealth, is a grave question. It is unnecessary now to consider that matter, since, in my opinion, in any event, the requirement of this fee, whatever its character, is inconsistent with the provisions of treaties entered into between the United States and various other nations.

From a memorandum furnished to His Excellency the Governor by the Secretary of State of the United States, submitted to me

with the order of the House, I make the following quotations: A treaty between the United States and Japan, concluded February 21, 1911, referring to citizens or subjects of each country traveling or residing in the other, provides, —

"They shall not be compelled, under any pretext whatever, to pay any charges or taxes other or higher than those that are or may be paid by native citizens or subjects."

A provision of similar import in a treaty between the United States and Serbia, concluded October 14, 1881, declares, —

"They shall be at liberty to exercise their industry and trade, both by wholesale and by retail, in the whole extent of both territories, without being subjected as to their persons or property, or with regard to the exercise of their trade or business, to any taxes, whether general or local, or to any imposts or conditions of any kind other or more onerous than those which are or may be imposed upon natives or upon the subjects of the most favored nation."

Other treaties contain agreements similar in phraseology or import; for example, see treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded July 3, 1902, and treaty between the United States and Switzerland, concluded November 25, 1850. Treaties with various other nations secure to the subjects of those nations the privileges and protection enjoyed in this country by the subjects of the most favored nation. Such a clause in any treaty would, of course, adopt as a part of such treaty the protective obligation of the character under discussion, which is the broadest in its scope in any of the treaties of this character entered into by the United States.

It requires no discussion to establish that the registration fee provision of the proposed bill is in conflict with these treaty obligations. Whatever the limits of the treaty-making power in its relation to the police power of the state, I cannot doubt that it extends to the protection of resident aliens against the imposition of fees and excises because of their alienage. Treaties duly entered into by the United States are, by the Constitution, expressly made "the supreme law of the land" (U. S. Const., art. VI), and it follows that the legislation of any state in conflict therewith is invalid.

Accordingly, I must advise the House of Representatives that Senate Bill No. 321, entitled "An Act to provide for the registration of certain aliens", would be invalid if enacted into law in its present form.

Yours very truly,

HENRY C. ATTWILL,
Attorney-General.

The communication (House, No. 1596) was read by its concluding paragraph, on motion of Mr. Abbott of Haverhill; and it was placed on file.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor: —

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 28, 1918.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

It has been called to my attention that there is now pending in Congress a bill carrying an appropriation of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for waterfront improvements at the Boston Navy Yard. I understand that the waterfront improvements contemplated involve an extension of certain of the piers to a new pier-head line, which has been recently determined. It is reported to me that the extension of these piers at the Boston Navy Yard is very greatly needed, and the extension work should be started at once. The Attorney General feels that additional legislation might well be passed which will enable the Federal Government to lengthen these piers in the event that they will extend upon the Commonwealth land. In view of the fact that we wish to do everything to assist the Federal Government I respectfully suggest that you pass such legislation which to you seems proper. I am sending herewith a draft of legislation proposed for such consideration as you may deem necessary.

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the Governor,
— extension of
certain piers.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1598) was read; and, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton, it was referred, with the accompanying document, to the joint committee on Ways and Means. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Richards of Malden, —

Ordered, That there be printed and bound as a House document five thousand copies of the pamphlet "The Star of Service", under preparation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor by special message to the General Court, May 15. Each member and officer of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive twenty copies, and the remaining copies shall be distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

"The Star of
Service"
pamphlet, —
distribution.

Mr. Quigley of Chelsea offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, in the selection of members of the House of Representatives to serve upon recess committees appointed to service during the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, a similar method of selection shall be followed as is customarily used in the selection of seats by the members of the House of Representatives. The names of the members of the House shall be written upon slips and shall be included in a proper receptacle, and the necessary number shall be drawn therefrom by the presiding officer. The members so drawn shall have the same standing upon the committees as they would if appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Recess com-
mittees, —
selection of
members.

Mr. Quigley moved that the consideration of the order be postponed until the next session; and this motion was negatived. After debate the order was rejected.

Petition.

Methuen, —
water supply.

Mr. Bunting of Methuen presented a petition of Samuel Rush-ton, mayor, and others that the city of Methuen be authorized to expend money for extending and improving its water supply. The same member moved that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended; and these motions were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission.
State Board of
Labor and
Industries, —
investigation.

A Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 422) (new draft of House bill No. 1587); and

A Resolve to provide for an investigation of the State Board of Labor and Industries (Senate, No. 420) (reported on part of a message from the Governor, House, No. 1583);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read; and they were placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State and
county em-
ployees, —
compensation.

A Bill to authorize a temporary increase in the compensation of certain employees of the Commonwealth and of the counties thereof (Senate, No. 423) (new draft of a bill reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees); and

State
employees, —
compensation
and working
conditions.

A Resolve providing for an investigation of the compensation and working conditions of officials and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (Senate, No. 415) (reported on an order, see Senate, No. 395, which was reported on a part of an order, Senate, No. 316, recommitted, providing for a joint special recess committee on salaries and compensation of judicial and county officials and employees);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate; were severally read; and they were referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Massachusetts
Agricultural
College, —
state control.

The Senate Bill to dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 384) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the adoption of the House amendment.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman; and, on further motion of the same member, the House receded from its amendment.

Swansea and
Seekonk Street
Railway
Company.

The House Bill relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company (House, No. 467) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments:—

In section 2, inserting after the word "property", in line 11, the words "but the proceeds of the sale of such stock shall be appropriated only for the payment of outstanding indebtedness issued for the purpose of acquiring such stock or for purposes for which the town might lawfully borrow money"; and

Striking out section 7, and inserting in place thereof the following new sections:—

"SECTION 7. Each of said towns may, for the purpose of purchasing said stock or securities, or paying the cost of said franchise and property or for the option therefor, and the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in constructing or reconstructing said railway and for equipping the same under the provisions of this act, issue from time to time bonds or notes. Such bonds or notes shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding ten years from the dates of issue; shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate to be determined by the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the board of selectmen of the town issuing the same. The town may sell the said bonds or notes at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but not for less than their par value.

"SECTION 8. Each of said towns shall at the time of authorizing said loan or loans provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments as will extinguish each loan within the time prescribed by this act and in the manner set forth by section fourteen of chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, and amendments thereof; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which with the income derived from said railway will be sufficient to pay the town's liability on account of the annual expense of operating it and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by said town, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of said town in each year thereafter, in the same manner as other taxes, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished."

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Allen of Newton; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the engrossed Bill relative to the taxation of certain lands in the city of Quincy owned by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 801) ought not to pass.

State land in Quincy, — taxation.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321) ought not to pass.

Certain aliens, — registration.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question, in each instance, being on rejection.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to give control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 126) be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the

Employment offices, — state control.

orders of the day for the next session, the question being on referring the bill to the next General Court.

Clerks and
assistant clerks
of courts, —
salaries.

By Mr. Daggett of Somerville, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, that the Bill relative to the salaries of clerks and assistant clerks of the courts (Senate, No. 400) ought to pass with an amendment, in section 1, inserting before the word "clerk", in line 12, the words "recorder of the land court, six thousand five hundred dollars;"

Injured
employees, —
additional
methods of
compensation.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (Senate, No. 390, amended) ought to pass [Messrs. Murphy of Lowell and Foley of Boston dissenting].

Soldiers and
sailors, —
absent voting.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States (Senate, No. 375, amended) ought to pass.

Main thorough-
fares, — open
routes in
winter.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the same committee, that the Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to keep certain highways on main through routes passable for motor vehicles during the winter months (Senate, No. 331, changed) ought to pass with an amendment adding at the end thereof the following: "SECTION 5. Section twenty-nine of chapter five hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by section one of chapter six hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and by chapter one hundred and forty of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph relative to the registration of commercial motor vehicles and inserting in place thereof the following: For the registration of every commercial motor vehicle used solely as such and for every motor truck of a carrying capacity of one ton or less, ten dollars, and for each additional ton or fraction of a ton of carrying capacity in excess of one ton ten dollars additional."

Low land, —
improvement.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to the improvement of certain low land (Senate, No. 388, amended) ought to pass with amendments, in section 2, striking out lines 1 to 7, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the words "One member of the state department of health designated by said department, and one member of the state board of agriculture designated by said board, shall constitute a board to be known as the drainage board in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said board shall serve without additional compensation and is hereby authorized to"; and striking out, in line 23, the words "two thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "one thousand".

Educational
systems, —
investigation.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1432) ought to pass.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the same committee, that the Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (printed as Senate, No. 389) ought to pass. Port of Boston,
— develop-
ment.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

To make certain substantive corrections in existing laws;

To provide for supplementary registration of soldiers and sailors; Bills
enacted.

To provide that male residents between the ages of eighteen and fifty years shall engage in useful occupation during the present war;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Relative to the Boston Chamber of Commerce; and

To provide for the licensing, inspection and regulation of hotels and private lodging houses;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the promotion of old age annuities and of voluntary insurance against sickness and disability (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve
passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Taxation, no legislation necessary, on the message from His Excellency the Governor concerning the taxation of intangible personal property to meet war expenses (Senate, No. 414), was accepted, in concurrence. Orders of
the day.

Bills:

To prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of competition in commodities in common use (House, No. 1595); and

Relative to the salaries of county treasurers (Senate, No. 398); and

Resolves:

Providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1592); and

To provide for an investigation relative to the amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, and related matters (Senate, No. 409);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 385), being the unfinished business of the morning session, was considered further, the question being on passing it to be engrossed, in concurrence.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Doyle of New Bedford; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 102 to 29.

The Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1584) was considered, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session.

After debate the motion of Mr. Odlin was negatived; and the motion of Mr. Gibbs was adopted.

The Bill relative to the Commonwealth dry dock (printed in House, No. 1580) was read a third time.

Mr. Warner of Taunton moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

By inserting after the word "harbor", in line 3, the words "and any and all rights and interests of the commonwealth in or under any contract in relation thereto,";

By adding at the end of the bill the words "No contracts thus made shall involve the commonwealth in the expenditure of the further sum of money for the completion of the said dry dock"; and

By adding the following section: "SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

After debate (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair) the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Hudson of Waltham. The amendments were then adopted; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1597), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing cities and towns to provide their citizens with homesteads (Senate, No. 410) was read a third time.

After debate Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until after the disposition of the remaining matters in the orders of the day; and this motion was negatived.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Underhill of Somerville.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Morrill of Haverhill; and on the roll call (the Speaker having returned to the chair) 94 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Ernest W.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Bagshaw, James T.
Bartlett, William A.
Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Bower, Arthur
Bowser, Eden K.
Brunell, George J.

Messrs. Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Cronin, John

Messrs. Crowley, John T.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fits Gerald, Michael J.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Manning, Frank A.
 Manning, William J.
 Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.

Messrs. McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Mitchell, John
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morrison, James
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nourse, George L.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odhn, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Walker, George
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.
 Wood, Isaac U.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bartlett, Herbert A.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Browne, Arthur S.
 Butler, Frederick

Messrs. Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gibson, Edwin H.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.

Messrs. Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren

Messrs. Nelson, Oscar H.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penshorn, George
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Torrey, Frank A.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

94 yeas; 126 nays.

Therefore the bill was rejected.

The Bill to provide for the removal of electric car tracks on Saratoga street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (printed as House, No. 1371, amended) was read a third time.

After debate the question was put on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence; and 71 members voted in the affirmative and 62 in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, at the request of Mr. Gibbs of Waltham; and on the roll call 91 members voted in the affirmative and 114 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Bartlett, William A.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Bessette, Alfred M.
 Blanchard, Arthur F.
 Brunell, George J.
 Burke, Frank J.
 Burrell, Fred J.

Messrs. Butler, Frederick
 Butterworth, Ralph N.
 Cahman, John B.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Conroy, William S.
 Corbett, Thomas J.
 Corrigan, Robert S.
 Costello, Patrick M.
 Cox, Edward J.

Messrs. Craig, John W.
 Cronin, John
 Crowley, John T.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Donovan, John L.
 Donovan, Thomas F.
 Doyle, Andrew P.
 Driscoll, Timothy J.
 Dwyer, William F.
 Englert, John P.
 Feinberg, Philip J.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Flanagan, Michael A.
 Foley, William J.
 French, William P.
 Gillen, Daniel J.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Granfield, William J.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Harrington, Edward F.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hearn, William H.
 Holland, William J.
 Howland, Edgar F.
 Jordan, Michael H.
 Joyce, Thomas M.
 Kelley, Charles A.
 Kelley, Edward I.
 Larocque, Ernest A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Mahoney, John P.
 Mahoney, William H.
 Malone, Michael F.
 Maloney, David J.
 Manning, William J.

Messrs. Martin, Robert B.
 McDonnell, William H.
 McGrath, Joseph
 McIntosh, David S.
 McKeon, Francis P.
 McKinney, Francis B.
 McLaughlin, Henry J.
 McMenimen, William R.
 McNamee, Michael J.
 Mealey, Stephen R.
 Morrill, Charles H.
 Morse, George D.
 Moynihan, James J.
 Mulveny, Frank
 Murphy, Daniel C.
 Murphy, Dennis A.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 O'Connor, Charles S.
 O'Connor, John D.
 Odlin, James E.
 Osborne, John N.
 Quigley, Lawrence F.
 Quinn, Timothy F.
 Reardon, Dennis F.
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Scigliano, Edward A.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Southworth, Gilbert G.
 Swig, Simon
 Walker, George
 Winchester, Charles A.
 Wonson, Carlton W.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Achin, Henry, Jr.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Babb, George W. P.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Bagshaw, James T.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bower, Arthur
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Bunting, George
 Carrick, George H.
 Cooke, Harry A.

Messrs. Cooley, Charles L.
 Corey, Edwin S.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Crooks, Clarence A.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dow, James B.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Emery, Carl C.
 Ferry, James R.
 Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
 Fleming, William
 Foster, William
 Freeling, Joseph E.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gibbs, John M.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hays, Martin
 Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Benjamin O.

Messrs. Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Lane, Martin R.
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 McAllister, John H.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Meyers, Julius
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Nason, Arthur L.
 Nelson, Christian
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Packard, Walter T.
 Paine, Arthur W.
 Penahorn, George
 Pepin, Chauncey
 Pierce, Frederick E.

Messrs. Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Smith, Jerome S.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Underhill, Charles L.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Whitman, Albert L.
 Whitney, George A.
 Wilson, Alvin R.
 Wood, Isaac U.
 Wood, Wilbur A.
 Woodill, Harry C.
 Worrall, George M.
 Young, Benjamin Loring
 Young, Myron A.

91 yeas; 114 nays.

Therefore the bill was rejected.

The Bill relative to the salaries of county commissioners (Senate, No. 407) was read a second time.

Mr. Hirsch of Dedham moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of the Bill relative to the salaries of county commissioners (printed as Senate, No. 397).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1584) was then considered further, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading were adopted, as follows:—

In section 4, inserting after the word "represent", in line 14, the words "a capital bearing";

In section 5, striking out all after the word "company", in line 20, to and including the word "trusts", in line 22; and

In section 7, striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words "and charge to interest,".

Mr. Worrall of Attleboro moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 2, by striking out, in line 5, the word "three", and inserting in place thereof the word "five"; by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words "one, two and three", and inserting in place thereof the word "five"; by striking out, in line 10, the word "three", and inserting in place thereof the word "five";

by striking out all after the word "term", in line 11, to and including the word "term", in line 18; by striking out all after the word "dollars", in line 27, to and including the word "company", in line 32; and by striking out all after the word "council", in line 34;

In section 10, by striking out all after the word "operates", in line 45, to and including the word "towns", in line 67, and inserting in place thereof the words "in proportion to the number of persons in said cities and towns using the service of the company, to be determined and reported to the tax commissioner by the trustees from computations made in their discretion for the purpose. In the computation of the contribution of the city of Boston the persons in that part of the city of Boston, formerly known as Hyde Park, using the service of the company, shall be counted";

In section 11, by inserting after the word "Company", in line 22, the words "The trustees may make changes in service or facilities without a prior public hearing, but upon complaint in writing relative to the character or extent of the service or facilities furnished, signed by the mayor of any city, or the selectmen of any town in which the new company operates, or by not less than twenty patrons of the new company, the trustees shall give a public hearing, if requested so to do, shall fully investigate the matter complained of, and shall take such action within their powers as the facts seem to justify, stating their reasons therefor. Any such hearing may be conducted by a single trustee.";

In section 14, by inserting after the word "provided", in line 2, the words "and after a public hearing";

In section 15, by inserting after the word "company", in line 3, the words ", and after a public hearing"; by striking out all after the word "trustees", in line 10, to and including the word "time", in line 11, and inserting in place thereof the word "shall"; by inserting after the word "into", in line 12, the words "two main"; by inserting after the word "districts", in line 12, the words ", one to include all lines of said company north of the city of Boston, and one to include all lines of the said company south of the city of Boston, and shall divide said two districts into smaller fare districts,"; by striking out, in line 12, the word "may", and inserting in place thereof the word "shall"; and by striking out all after the word "formed", in line 13, and inserting in place thereof the words "on the basis of the cost of the service in each district as defined in section fourteen.";

By striking out section 19;

In section 21 (as printed), by striking out, in lines 1, 2 and 3, the words "period of control by five trustees as first herein provided for and thereafter until the legislature shall otherwise provide", and inserting in place thereof the words "continuance of the war and for a period of two years thereafter,"; by striking out, in line 4, the letter "(a)"; by inserting after the word "decree", in line 27, the words "or legislative act"; by inserting after the word "decree", in line 33, the words "or by legislative

act"; by striking out, in line 34, the words "one year", and inserting in place thereof the words "two years"; by striking out, in line 35, the word "attorney-general", and inserting in place thereof the words "trustees after a public hearing"; by striking out, in line 38, the letter "(b)", and inserting in place thereof the words "The new company"; and by striking out, in line 48, the letter "(c)", and inserting in place thereof the words "The new company, until the legislature shall otherwise provide,"; and

By inserting after section 21 (as printed) the following: "SECTION 21. No shares or securities of the new company shall be held by the Massachusetts Electric Companies, a voluntary association organized under a declaration of trust, or by any similar voluntary association, for a period of more than four months after the transfer of the property and franchises of the company to the new company."

Mr. Barry of Lynn then withdrew the amendments previously moved by him, there being no objection.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Mahoney of Boston.

The amendments moved by Mr. Worrall were then adopted.

On the question on the adoption of the amendments previously moved by Mr. Newhall of Stoneham the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that member; and on the roll call 99 members voted in the affirmative and 105 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
Achin, Henry, Jr.
Allen, Frank G.
Allen, George C. F.
Atwood, Harrison H.
Bagshaw, James T.
Ballantyne, John
Bates, George J.
Baxter, Thomas W.
Beaman, Charles H.
Bellows, Alton L.
Bentley, James D.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Bower, Arthur
Bray, Albert C.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Butler, Frederick
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Cheney, Herman S.
Clark, Henry S.
Claus, Frederic F.
Conroy, William S.
Cooley, Charles L.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cordrey, Henry E.
Cox, Edward J.
Cronin, John

Messrs. Crowley, John T.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Dow, James B.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Emery, Carl C.
Englert, John P.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Freeling, Joseph E.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Gleason, Nesbit G.
Granger, Clarence H.
Greenwood, Fred P.
Hamilton, John O.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hearn, William H.
Holland, William J.
Hull, John C.
Jewett, Victor Francis
Jones, Arthur W.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.
Lane, Martin R.
Larocque, Ernest A.
Lord, William G.
Mahoney, John P.
Mahoney, William H.
Malone, Michael F.
Manning, William J.

Messrs. Marsh, George S.
McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McKeon, Francis P.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Meyers, Julius
Moran, James G.
Moynihan, James J.
Mulveny, Frank
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
Nelson, Oscar H.
Newhall, Arthur N.
Nourse, George L.
O'Connor, Charles S.

Messrs. O'Connor, John D.
Odlin, James E.
Osborne, John N.
Paine, Arthur W.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Scigliano, Edward A.
Slotnick, Michael N.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Spinney, Burgess H.
Wadleigh, Albert P.
Walker, George
Wall, Albert T.
Waterman, George B.
Winchester, Charles A.
Wonson, Carlton W.
Wood, Isaac U.

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, Ernest W.
Allen, J. Weston
Ammidon, Philip R.
Arnold, Seth F.
Austin, Charles M.
Babb, George W. P.
Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
Baker, John H.
Baldwin, George S.
Baldwin, William B.
Barry, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bennett, Chauncey A.
Bitzer, Jacob
Blague, Giles
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Bliss, Alvin E.
Boothman, Cornelius
Bowser, Eden K.
Briggs, Elmer L.
Brown, Frederic J.
Burrell, Fred J.
Carrick, George H.
Cooke, Harry A.
Craig, John W.
Craig, William F.
Daggett, Warren C.
Dean, Henry E.
Dennis, George F.
Donovan, John L.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Dunbar, Eddy P.
Dunkle, Horace E.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Ferry, James R.
Finkel, Samuel B.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Fleming, William
Foster, William
French, William P.
Frothingham, Charles B.
Furness, Howard F.
Gibbs, John M.
Gould, Charles W.
Granfield, William J.
Green, Thomas H.

Messrs. Hall, Clarence M.
Hartshorn, Charles H.
Haynes, Walter
Hays, Martin
Higgins, Matthew A.
Howland, Edgar F.
Johnson, John G.
Jones, Benjamin O.
Kelley, David L.
Kent, Robert T.
Kiernan, James F.
Kneeland, William A.
Leavitt, Thomas
Lyman, Frank E.
Makepeace, Lloyd
Maloney, David J.
Manning, Frank A.
Marsh, Arthur E.
Martin, Robert B.
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
Mellen, Walter L.
Merriam, Bernard F.
Mitchell, John
Monk, Wesley E.
Morrill, Charles H.
Morrison, James
Morse, George D.
Nelson, Christian
Ollendorff, William W.
Orr, John Glenn
Packard, Walter T.
Penshorn, George
Pepin, Chauncey
Powers, Leland
Prescott, Francis
Putnam, Frank H.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Richards, George Louis
Robinson, Arthur W.
Rowley, Charles F.
Shedd, Harry L.
Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
Smith, Jerome S.
Snow, Dexter A.
Stetson, William N.

Messrs. Swig, Simon
Tarbell, Warren E.
Underhill, Charles L.
Wasserman, Jacob
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wharton, Joseph W.
Whitman, Albert L.

Messrs. Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Woodill, Harry C.
Worrall, George M.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

99 yeas; 105 nays.

Therefore the amendments moved by Mr. Newhall were rejected.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Odlin of Lynn was then rejected; and the bill, as amended (House, No. 1599), was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

At twenty-four minutes past six o'clock, on motion of Mr. Jordan of Lawrence (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield), to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Boothman of Adams, —

Ordered, That the committee on Pay-Roll be instructed to make up the pay-roll for the compensation of members of the House for attendance during the present session.

Pay-roll,
— compensation
for
attendance.*Petition.*

Mr. Bliss of Malden presented a petition of Vincent E. Barnes and another for a revision of procedure before the courts of the Commonwealth that a greater opportunity for justice may be provided; and the petition was referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court.

Court
procedure, —
revision.*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions (Senate, No. 425) (new draft of House bill No. 1527), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

State insti-
tutions, —
construction
and improve-
ment of
buildings.

A Bill authorizing the State Board of Labor and Industries to appoint additional temporary inspectors (Senate, No. 419, amended) (reported on part of a message from the Governor, House, No. 1583), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

State Board
of Labor and
Industries, —
additional
inspectors.

A Resolve providing for a recess commission to consider the sheep industry and related matters (Senate, No. 424) (new draft of a resolve reported on a message from the Governor, Senate, No. 412), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the joint committee on Rules.

Recess com-
mission, —
sheep
industry.

The engrossed Bill relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies (which originated in the House) (see House, No. 1365, amended) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended, in section 2 by striking out, in line 4 (as printed), the word "mortgages", and inserting in place thereof the word "mortgagee".

Trust com-
panies, —
franchise
taxation.

On motion of Mr. Powers of Newton, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Town laws, —
revision.

A report of the special commission appointed, under chapter 47 of the resolves of the current year, to revise and codify the laws relating to towns, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Towns.

Id.

A Bill to amend the laws relating to towns (Senate, No. 426) (reported on part of the foregoing report) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Id.

A report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the commission appointed to revise and codify the laws relating to towns, as does not relate to the bill recommended for passage by the commission (see Senate, No. 426), accepted by the Senate, was read; and it was placed in the orders of the day for the next session.

Reports of Committees.

Methuen, —
water supply.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th and 9th joint rules be suspended on the petition of Samuel Rushton, mayor, and others that the city of Methuen be authorized to expend money for extending and improving its water supply. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th and 9th joint rules were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1601) was referred to the committee on Municipal Finance, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct. Sent up for concurrence.

Firearms
for target
practice, —
licenses.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Daniel G. Fox and others relative to licensing the carrying of pistols and revolvers by persons engaged in target practice. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

Income tax
returns, —
inspection by
the Auditor of
the Common-
wealth.

By Mr. Rowley of Brookline, for the committee on Rules, that the 12th joint rule be not suspended on the petition of Alonzo B. Cook relative to the inspection by the Auditor of the Commonwealth of certain income tax returns. Read; and considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Rowley. The House refused to suspend the 12th joint rule; and the petition was referred, under said rule, to the next General Court.

State and
county em-
ployees, —
compensation.

By Mr. Foley of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Bill to authorize a temporary increase in the compensation of certain employees of the Commonwealth and of the counties

thereof (Senate, No. 423), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Counties on the part of the House. Read, and accepted.

Subsequently Mr. Dwyer of Boston, for the committee on Counties on the part of the House, reported that the bill ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on all matters relating to the finances of the Commonwealth, a Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of eleven million dollars (House, No. 1614), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. State tax.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill authorizing the Governor to incur emergency expenses incident to the existing state of war (House, No. 1600). Governor, —
emergency war
expenses.

By the same member, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, on a message from the Governor (House, No. 1598), a Bill relative to the extension of wharves and piers beyond established harbor lines (House, No. 1615). Wharves and
piers, —
extension.

By Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, for the committee on Counties, severally on a part of the annual report of the Controller of County Accounts submitting estimates of county receipts and expenditures (House, No. 1205), —

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Barnstable Barnstable.
(House, No. 1602);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Berkshire Berkshire.
(House, No. 1603);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Bristol Bristol.
(House, No. 1604);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Dukes Dukes.
County (House, No. 1605);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Essex Essex.
(House, No. 1606);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Franklin Franklin.
(House, No. 1607);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Hampden Hampden.
(House, No. 1608);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Hampshire Hampshire.
(House, No. 1609);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Middlesex Middlesex.
(House, No. 1610);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Norfolk Norfolk.
(House, No. 1611);

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Plymouth Plymouth.
(House, No. 1612); and

A Resolve granting a county tax for the county of Worcester Worcester.
(House, No. 1613).

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Document Ordered Printed.

Statement
relative
to the state
finances.

Rising to a question of personal privilege, Mr. Warner of Taunton made a statement, on behalf of the committee on Ways and Means, relative to the finances of the Commonwealth and to the assessment of the state tax. On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware the statement was ordered printed as a House document. (House, No. 1616.)

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To establish the State Department of Agriculture;
Relative to the listing of voters in the city of Cambridge;
To reorganize the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind;
Relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company;

Relative to liens of sub-contractors for labor and materials on buildings and land;

Relative to the planting, growing and digging of quahaugs in the town of Wareham;

Relative to the planting and cultivation of clams and quahaugs in the town of Fairhaven;

Relative to the construction of a new bridge over the Monaquot river in the town of Braintree;

In addition to the several acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville;

Relative to the appointment of certain dog officers by county commissioners;

To provide for the appointment in certain counties of trustees for county aid to agriculture; and

To dissolve the corporation of The Massachusetts Agricultural College and to provide for the maintenance of the college by the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve
passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for further investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and streams of the Commonwealth (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Afternoon Session — Hour of Meeting.

Next
session, —
hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Dean of Worcester the provisions of the standing order providing that the House shall meet at two o'clock P.M. were suspended; and, on further motion of the same member, it was voted that, when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed Bill relative to the taxation of certain lands in the city of Quincy owned by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 801); and Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide for the registration of certain aliens (Senate, No. 321);

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to give control of free and private employment offices to the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 126) was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to keep certain highways on main through routes passable for motor vehicles during the winter months (Senate, No. 331, changed) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

The Bill relative to the improvement of certain low land (Senate, No. 388, amended) was read a second time.

The amendments previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1432) was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the resolve to a third reading, Mr. Bliss of Malden moved that it be referred to the committee on Rules; and this motion prevailed.

The Bill to provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States (Senate, No. 375, amended) was read a second time.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

In section 1, by striking out all after the word "of", in line 7, and inserting in place thereof the words "any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted as hereinafter provided";

In section 27, by inserting after the word "office", in line 3, the words "and upon each question";

In section 28, by inserting at the beginning of said section the words "As to those questions and offices the record of votes for which are, under the provisions of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, as amended, transmitted to the secretary of the commonwealth to be laid before the governor and council,"; and by adding at the end of the section the words "As to all other questions and offices said returns of absent votes shall, not later than the tenth day of December, be transmitted by the secretary of the commonwealth to the county commissioners, clerk of court, clerk of city or town of meeting for certification of election of representatives to the General Court, or other officer to whom under the provisions of said chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen are transmitted the certificates of votes cast in the regular manner, and shall be by such officers added to the votes as otherwise reported to them.";

By adding the following new sections:

"SECTION 35. Section three hundred and eighteen of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the words 'the month following the election', in the fourth line, and substituting the word: — December, — and by striking out the words 'within ten days after an election of register of deeds', in the tenth and eleventh lines, and substituting the words: — on the tenth day of December.

"SECTION 36. Section three hundred and nineteen of said chapter eight hundred and thirty-five is hereby amended by striking out the words 'the first Wednesday of the month', in the eleventh line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — the tenth day of December.

"SECTION 37. Section three hundred and twenty-one of said chapter eight hundred and thirty-five is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'forthwith', in the fifth line, the words: — after receipt from the secretary of the Commonwealth of returns of absent votes.

"SECTION 38. Section three hundred and twenty-one of said chapter eight hundred and thirty-five is hereby amended by striking out the words 'following the day of the election', in the ninth and tenth lines, and substituting the words: — of December."; and

By adding as sections 39 to 54, inclusive, the sections of House document No. 1557, changed in section 1 (section 39), by inserting after the word "voter", in line 1, the words " , other than those in military or naval service provided for in the foregoing sections,"; in section 2 (section 40) by striking out, in line 2, the word "seven", and inserting in place thereof the word "eleven"; and, in section 12 (section 50), by striking out, in line 3, the words "or any officer of the Watch and Ward Society".

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on further motion of Mr. Sawyer, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to provide for further improvement and development of the port of Boston (printed as Senate, No. 389) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn, and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (Senate, No. 390, amended) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1592) was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to the salaries of county commissioners (Senate, No. 397); and

Relative to the salaries of county treasurers (Senate, No. 398); and

The Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, and related matters (Senate, No. 409);

Were severally read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the salaries of clerks and assistant clerks of the courts (Senate, No. 400) was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Counties on the part of the House was adopted.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 1, by inserting after the word "dollars", in line 15, the words "; the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business, four thousand five hundred dollars; the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business, four thousand five hundred dollars"; and by inserting after line 74 the following paragraph: "The assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business and the assistant clerks of said court for criminal business shall receive annually the following salaries: the first and second assistant clerks, the sum of three thousand dollars each; the third and fourth assistant clerks, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars each; the fifth, sixth and seventh assistant clerks, the sum of two thousand dollars each."

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on further motion of Mr. Hays, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 422) was read a second time.

Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the bill be amended as follows:—

By striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

“SECTION 1. In order to enable the Boston transit commission to complete work now authorized by law, the term of office of said commission and of its members is hereby extended for six months from the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen. In case the trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, provided for by chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the special acts of the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall, within said period of six months enter into a contract with the city of Boston for the use of the Arlington street station, in accordance with chapter three hundred and forty-two of the special acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, or in case the said trustees shall request the said commission to make alterations in or an extension to the East Boston tunnel, in accordance with section eleven of chapter three hundred and seventy-three of the special acts of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, then the term of office of said commission and of its members shall be extended for one year from the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen: *provided, however,* that the rental payable by the Boston Elevated Railway Company under the provisions of said chapter three hundred and forty-two, and under the provisions of said section eleven of said chapter three hundred and seventy-three shall be at a rate not exceeding five and one half per cent instead of four and one half per cent.

“SECTION 2. The powers, duties and compensation of the members of the said commission during any such extension of their terms of office as aforesaid shall be the same as are specified in chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, except as is otherwise provided herein, and any vacancy in the commission shall be filled in the manner provided in said chapter.

“SECTION 3. Upon the expiration of the term of office of the Boston transit commission the city of Boston shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities heretofore conferred or imposed upon the commission and remaining in effect at the date of the passage of this act, the said powers and duties to be exercised and performed by the mayor, commissioner of public works, and city treasurer, or by the officers as may be designated by the city council of said city, to be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

“SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”; and

By striking out the title, and inserting in place thereof the following: “An Act to extend the term of office of the Boston

Transit Commission and to provide for the transfer of its powers to the city of Boston."

After debate the amendments were adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on further motion of Mr. Atwood, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Resolve to provide for an investigation of the State Board of Labor and Industries (Senate, No. 420) was read a second time.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Craig of Boston; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade (House, No. 1595) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) was read a third time.

Mr. Briggs of Plymouth moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the next session; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

At five minutes past one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Dean of Worcester (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at one o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood), to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of the Speaker, and stated that Mr. Bliss of Malden had been appointed to perform the duties of the Chair. Accordingly Mr. Bliss took the chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Newton, —

Ordered, That the report of the joint special committee appointed to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth (House, No. 1591) be reprinted, and that one hundred copies of the number be bound for the use of the committee.

Fish industry,
— reprinting a
special report.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to increase temporarily the salaries of certain judges, registers and assistant registers of probate and insolvency (Senate, No. 421) (new draft of a bill substituted for a Senate report, reference to the next General Court, on a petition accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221), passed to be engrossed by the Senate,

Judges and
registers of
probate
and insolvency, —
salaries.

was read; and it was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Public Service
Commission,
— reorganisa-
tion.

The House Bill relative to the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1582, amended) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments:—

In section 1, inserting after the word "appoint", in line 8, the words ", regardless of political affiliation,"; and, in section 2, striking out all after the word "following:—", in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the following: "*Section 6.* Two members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. Any investigation, inquiry or hearing which the commission has power to undertake or to hold may be undertaken or held by or before any commissioner, and decisions of the commission and every order made by a commissioner, when approved and confirmed by the commission and ordered filed in its office, shall be and be deemed to be the order of the commission, *provided, however,* that if any party to a contested matter set for hearing before a single commissioner shall not less than five days before such hearing file a request in writing that the same be heard by the full commission, or a majority thereof, the commission shall give such party an opportunity to be heard upon such request, and if good and sufficient reason appear, shall order that the matter be heard before the full commission or a majority thereof."

Placed in the orders of the day for the next session, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Soldiers and
sailors, —
absent voting.

The Senate Bill to provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States (Senate, No. 375, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. Hormel, Hobbs and McLaughlin had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware the House insisted on its amendments and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Young of Weston, Woodill of Melrose and Sawyer of Ware the committee on the part of the House.

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission.

The Senate Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 422) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. Wilson, Cavanagh and Lawler had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston the House insisted on its amendments and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference. The Chair (Mr. Smith of Boston) appointed Mr. Atwood and Messrs. Babb of Boston and John L. Donovan of Boston the committee on the part of the House.

Service flags,
— insignia.

Notice was received that the House Bill relative to flag designs indicating service and incidents of service in the army and navy

of the United States (House, No. 1588) had been rejected by the Senate.

Also that the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1567) of William D. Trefry and another for an amendment of the law relative to the collection of taxes, had been referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court, the Senate having non-concurred in the suspension of said rule.

Collection
of taxes, —
liens.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Orr of Pittsfield, for the special committee appointed to represent the House at the funeral services of Representative Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield, reported the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on
the death of
Representa-
Frank
Bartlett.

Whereas, Death has removed, after a long and painful illness courageously and patiently borne, Frank Bartlett of Pittsfield, late member of the House of Representatives from the Fourth Berkshire Representative District; be it

Resolved, That his fellow-members and friends hereby place upon record their appreciation of his abilities as a legislator, his strong and manly character, his straightforwardness and independence, and the firmness with which he always adhered to what he believed to be the right course of action. Still more should it be remembered that he was one to whose generosity and charity no appeal was ever made in vain, and who honored every demand made upon him in the name of public welfare or private distress.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Orr, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, who were requested to report what action, if any, should be taken with reference to an article in the Boston Daily Advertiser of Friday, March 15, 1918, purporting to quote Representative Carlton W. Wonson of Gloucester, reflecting upon the integrity of the members of the House of Representatives, — that no action is necessary, for the reason that Mr. Wonson, in his statement to the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 27, disclaimed any intention of reflecting upon the character or honesty of any member of the House.

Boston Daily
Advertiser, —
article re-
flecting upon
the integrity
of the mem-
bers of the
House.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and accepted.

By Mr. Gleason of Andover, for the committee on Municipal Finance, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Methuen to borrow money for improving its water supply (House, No. 1601), which was read.

Methuen, —
indebtedness
for water
purposes.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Gleason; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Lyman of Easthampton, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Resolve in favor of Charles H. Chaplin of Boxford (House, No. 1488) ought not to pass (for the reason that the matter has been provided for in an appropriation bill).

Charles H.
Chaplin of
Boxford.

Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Lyman, and rejected.

District
attorneys and
assistants, —
salaries.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the salaries of district attorneys and assistant district attorneys (Senate, No. 399) ought to pass [Mr. Warner of Taunton dissenting].

District
Police
department, —
salaries.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salaries of the officers, members, clerks and stenographers of the District Police (Senate, No. 418, amended) ought to pass.

State Board
of Labor and
Industries, —
additional
inspectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill authorizing the State Board of Labor and Industries to appoint additional temporary inspectors (Senate, No. 419, amended) ought to pass.

State and
county officials
and employees,
— compensa-
tion and
working
conditions.

By Mr. Babb of Boston, for the same committee, that the Resolve providing for an investigation of the compensation and working conditions of officials and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (Senate, No. 415) ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the next session for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The Speaker having taken the chair, the report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the report of the commission appointed to revise and codify the laws relating to towns as does not relate to the bill recommended for passage by the commission (see Senate, No. 426), was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the Governor to incur emergency expenses incident to the existing state of war (House, No. 1600) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend the laws relating to towns (Senate, No. 426) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Osborne of Marblehead, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolves:

Granting a county tax for the county of Barnstable (House, No. 1602);

Granting a county tax for the county of Berkshire (House, No. 1603);

Granting a county tax for the county of Bristol (House, No. 1604);

Granting a county tax for the county of Dukes County (House, No. 1605);

Granting a county tax for the county of Essex (House, No. 1606);

Granting a county tax for the county of Franklin (House, No. 1607);

Granting a county tax for the county of Hampden (House, No. 1608);

Granting a county tax for the county of Hampshire (House, No. 1609);

Granting a county tax for the county of Middlesex (House, No. 1610);

Granting a county tax for the county of Norfolk (House, No. 1611);

Granting a county tax for the county of Plymouth (House, No. 1612); and

Granting a county tax for the county of Worcester (House, No. 1613);

Were severally read a second time. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Bagshaw of Fall River, in each instance; and the resolves were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve to provide for an investigation of the State Board of Labor and Industries (Senate, No. 420) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade (House, No. 1595) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Briggs of Plymouth moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of a bill with the same title.

After debate Mr. Kiernan of Wareham moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Morrill of Haverhill moved that the bill (House, No. 1595) be amended, in section 2, by inserting after the word "person", in line 10, the words "nor the produce of farms or gardens until after it is sold by the person or persons who raise it".

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston then moved the previous question; and after debate (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair) this motion was adopted.

The amendments were then severally rejected; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 69 to 47. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the extension of wharves and piers beyond established harbor lines (House, No. 1615) was read a second time; and after debate it was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brown of Woburn; and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize temporary increase in the compensation of certain employees of the Commonwealth and of the counties thereof (Senate, No. 423) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Myers of Cambridge, and the bill was read a third time.

Mr. Powers of Newton moved that the bill be amended by striking out the title, and inserting in place thereof the follow-

ing: "An Act to authorize temporary increase in the compensation of certain employees of the counties of the Commonwealth."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions (Senate, No. 425) was read a second time.

After debate Mr. Butler of Lawrence moved that the bill be amended by striking out all of section 4 after the word "repairs", in line 19.

Mr. Ballantyne of Boston moved that the bill be amended, in section 4, by inserting after the word "thereof", in line 13, the words ", if duly appropriated".

Mr. Atwood of Boston moved that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the sections of the bill printed as House, No. 1527.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston.

The amendments moved by Messrs. Ballantyne and Butler were severally adopted; and the amendment moved by Mr. Atwood was adopted, by a vote of 60 to 36.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Atwood, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence in the last amendment.

The Bill to provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (Senate, No. 390, amended) was read a third time.

Mr. Mealey of Boston moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end of section 2 the words "Whenever an injury to an employee is reported the industrial accident board, or some member thereof, shall pass upon the injury and shall notify the employer and the injured employee of the amount which appears to be due."

Mr. McDonnell of Boston moved that the bill be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "*Section 9.* All employers shall guarantee compensation to their employees under the workmen's compensation act, either by furnishing the certificate provided by section two of this act or by insuring their liability in some stock or mutual insurance company authorized to do business in this commonwealth."

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Craig of Boston; and the amendments were severally rejected.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Murphy of Boston; and on the roll call (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) 133 members voted in the affirmative and 81 in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbott, Essex S.
 Adams, Peter I.
 Allen, Ernest W.
 Allen, Frank G.
 Allen, George C. F.
 Allen, J. Weston
 Ammidon, Philip R.
 Arnold, Seth F.
 Austin, Charles M.
 Babcock, Josiah, Jr.
 Baker, John H.
 Baldwin, George S.
 Baldwin, William B.
 Ballantyne, John
 Barry, Joseph L.
 Bates, George J.
 Baxter, Thomas W.
 Beaman, Charles H.
 Bellows, Alton L.
 Bennett, Chauncey A.
 Bentley, James D.
 Benton, Jay R.
 Bitzer, Jacob
 Blague, Giles
 Bliss, Alvin E.
 Boothman, Cornelius
 Bowser, Eden K.
 Bray, Albert C.
 Briggs, Elmer L.
 Brown, Frederic J.
 Burrell, Fred J.
 Butler, Frederick
 Carrick, George H.
 Cheney, Herman S.
 Clark, Henry S.
 Clauss, Frederic F.
 Collins, Benjamin G.
 Cooke, Harry A.
 Cooley, Charles L.
 Cowdrey, Henry E.
 Craig, William F.
 Daggett, Warren C.
 Dean, Henry E.
 Dennis, George F.
 Dunbar, Eddy P.
 Dunkle, Horace E.
 Ferry, James R.
 Finkel, Samuel B.
 Fleming, William
 French, William P.
 Frothingham, Charles B.
 Furness, Howard F.
 Gleason, Nesbit G.
 Gould, Charles W.
 Granger, Clarence H.
 Greenwood, Fred P.
 Hall, Clarence M.
 Hamilton, John O.
 Harriman, Rowland P.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Haskins, William M.
 Haynes, Walter
 Hays, Martin

Messrs. Hirsch, John A.
 Hudson, John R.
 Hull, John C.
 Jewett, Victor Francis
 Johnson, John G.
 Johnson, William L.
 Jones, Arthur W.
 Jones, Benjamin O.
 Kelley, David L.
 Kent, Robert T.
 Kiernan, James F.
 Kneeland, William A.
 Leavitt, Thomas
 Lord, William G.
 Lyman, Frank E.
 Magee, Winthrop
 Mahoney, William H.
 Makepeace, Lloyd
 Maloney, David J.
 Marsh, Arthur E.
 Marsh, George S.
 Mellen, Walter L.
 Merriam, Bernard F.
 Monk, Wesley E.
 Moran, James G.
 Morrison, James
 Morse, George D.
 Moulton, J. Warren
 Nelson, Oscar H.
 Newhall, Arthur N.
 Nichols, Frederic C.
 Nourse, George L.
 Nutting, Edward H.
 Odlin, James E.
 Ollendorff, William W.
 Orr, John Glenn
 Osborne, John N.
 Packard, Walter T.
 Perham, Walter
 Pierce, Frederick E.
 Powers, Leland
 Prescott, Francis
 Putnam, Frank H.
 Richards, George Louis
 Robinson, Arthur W.
 Rowley, Charles F.
 Shedd, Harry L.
 Slotnick, Michael N.
 Smith, Fitz-Henry, Jr.
 Snow, Dexter A.
 Spinney, Burgess H.
 Stetson, William N.
 Swig, Simon
 Tarbell, Warren E.
 Wadleigh, Albert P.
 Wall, Albert T.
 Warner, Joseph E.
 Wasserman, Jacob
 Waterman, George B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wharton, Joseph W.
 Wheeler, Bion T.
 Whitman, Albert L.

Messrs. Whitney, George A.
Wilson, Alvin R.
Wonsen, Carlton W.
Wood, Wilbur A.

Messrs. Woodill, Harry C.
Young, Benjamin Loring
Young, Myron A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Babb, George W. P.
Bagshaw, James T.
Bartlett, Herbert A.
Bartlett, William A.
Bessette, Alfred M.
Blanchard, Arthur F.
Brunell, George J.
Bunting, George
Burke, Frank J.
Butterworth, Ralph N.
Cashman, John B.
Conroy, William S.
Corbett, Thomas J.
Corrigan, Robert S.
Costello, Patrick M.
Cox, Edward J.
Craig, John W.
Cronin, John
Crowley, John T.
Donovan, John L.
Donovan, Thomas F.
Dow, James B.
Doyle, Andrew P.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Dwyer, William F.
Emery, Carl C.
Englert, John P.
Feinberg, Philip J.
Fitz Gerald, Michael J.
Flanagan, Michael A.
Foley, William J.
Foster, William
Freeling, Joseph E.
Gibson, Edwin H.
Gillen, Daniel J.
Granfield, William J.
Green, Thomas H.
Harrington, Edward F.
Hayes, James W.
Hearn, William H.
Holland, William J.

Messrs. Howland, Edgar F.
Jordan, Michael H.
Joyce, Thomas M.
Kelley, Charles A.
Kelley, Edward I.
Lane, Martin R.
Mahoney, John P.
Manning, Frank A.
Manning, William J.
Martin, Robert B.
McDonnell, William H.
McGrath, Joseph
McKeon, Francis P.
McKinney, Francis B.
McLaughlin, Henry J.
McMenimen, William R.
McNamee, Michael J.
Mealey, Stephen R.
Meyers, Julius
Mitchell, John
Morrill, Charles H.
Moynihan, James J.
Mulveny, Frank
Murphy, Daniel C.
Murphy, Dennis A.
Murphy, John J.
Nason, Arthur L.
Nelson, Christian
O'Connor, Charles S.
O'Connor, John D.
Paine, Arthur W.
Quigley, Lawrence F.
Quinn, Timothy F.
Reardon, Dennis F.
Sawyer, Roland D.
Southworth, Gilbert G.
Underhill, Charles L.
Walker, George
Winchester, Charles A.
Wood, Isaac U.

133 yeas; 81 nays.

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

State institutions, —
construction and improve-
ment of
buildings.

The House Bill relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions (Senate, No. 425, amended) came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, and that Messrs. Dahlborg, Smith and Fitzgerald had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston the House insisted on its amendment and concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference.

Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the franchise taxation of trust companies;

Bills enacted.

Relative to the filling of vacancies in the board of aldermen and common council in the city of Everett;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To amend the laws relating to towns;

Relative to the improvement of certain low lands; and

To authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to keep certain highways on main through routes passable for motor vehicles during the winter months;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve to provide for an investigation relative to the amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, and related matters (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Adjournment — Hour of Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Rowley of Brookline, —

Voted, That, when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next session.

At twenty-eight minutes past six o'clock, on motion of Mr. Allen of Norwood (Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair), the House adjourned (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden), to meet on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

FRIDAY, May 31, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Introduced on Leave.

General laws,
— substantive
corrections.

Mr. Abbott of Haverhill introduced (on leave) a Bill to provide for the insertion of the chapter number in the act to make certain substantive corrections in existing laws. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred to the committee on Rules.

Id.

Subsequently Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, reported recommending that the 12th joint rule be suspended. The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss. The 12th joint rule was suspended; and the bill (House, No. 1617) was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of said rule.

Subsequently the bill came down with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred in the suspension of the 12th joint rule.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Abbott, and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition.

Saugus, —
maintenance of
public schools.

Mr. Nourse of Saugus presented a petition of George A. Nourse relative to the payment of a sum of money to the town of Saugus to assist the town in maintaining its public schools; and the petition was referred, under the provisions of the 12th joint rule, to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

State institutions, —
construction and
improvement
of buildings.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Lyman of Easthampton, Atwood of Boston and Murphy of Lowell the committee of conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Bill relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions (Senate, No. 425).

Common-
wealth dry
dock.

The House Bill relative to the Commonwealth dry dock (House, No. 1597) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in section 1, inserting after the word "sell", in line 2, the words "to the United States"; striking out, in lines 5 to 7, inclusive, the words "and to make such contracts in relation to the completion of the same as in the judgment of the commission public exigency may require"; inserting after the word "sale", in line 14, the word "or"; and

striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words "or contract for the completion of the dry dock".

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, no legislation necessary:

On the statement of the Auditor of the Commonwealth of the estimates for appropriations for the maintenance of the various departments, institutions and undertakings of the Commonwealth and for interest and sinking fund requirements during the current fiscal year (House, No. 1); and

Auditor of the Commonwealth, — estimates for appropriations.

On the statement of the Auditor of the Commonwealth of the recommendations of departments, boards, commissions and trustees of institutions for appropriations for special purposes during the current fiscal year (House, No. 2);

Id.

Severally considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bitzer, in each instance, and accepted.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the following order ought to be adopted: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to sit during the recess of the General Court to continue the investigation of the fish industry in this Commonwealth, in accordance with the report of the joint special committee which was appointed to investigate said industry in pursuance of an order adopted by the House on February 21 and by the Senate on February 26 of the current year.

Joint special recess committee, — investigation of the fish industry.

The joint special committee hereby provided for shall have the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed by said order upon the committee appointed thereunder, and shall report to the next General Court not later than the second Wednesday in January. The committee shall report upon the subjects mentioned in said former order, and also upon such additional subjects as are treated or suggested in the report made by the committee under authority of that order. The committee shall be allowed such sums for clerical and other expenses and for the compensation of its members as shall be approved by the Governor and Council.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the operation of the laws relative to workmen's compensation and to protection against industrial accidents, ought to pass in the form of an order, as follows: —

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to sit during the recess of the General

Joint special recess committee, — workmen's compensation.

Court, and shall be known as the Special Recess Committee on Workmen's Compensation. The committee shall investigate and study the subject-matter contained in the message of the Governor printed as Senate document No. 1 of the current year, with special reference to the problem of protecting workmen against industrial accidents; also the subject-matter contained in Senate document No. 202 of the current year, with special reference to the waiver by disabled employees of their rights under the workmen's compensation act; and generally the administration and operation of the laws relative to workmen's compensation. The committee shall report the results of its investigation to the General Court not later than the second Wednesday in January next, with drafts of such legislation as it may recommend. The committee shall have a room in the State House assigned for its use; shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary; may employ such assistance, clerical or otherwise, as it may require; and shall receive such sums for clerical assistance, travel and other expenses, and for the compensation of its members, as shall be allowed by the Governor and Council.

The order was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

Message from
the Governor,
— additional
levy of taxes.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, no legislation necessary, on so much of the message from His Excellency the Governor relative to the taxation of corporations, to conserving all existing sources of revenue and to imposing a moderate levy of new taxes (House, No. 1490) as was referred to said committee. Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Warner, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Judges and
registers of
probate and
insolvency, —
salaries.

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to increase temporarily the salaries of certain judges, registers and assistant registers of probate and insolvency (Senate, No. 421) ought to pass.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Pierce; and the bill was read a second and a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Rowley of Brookline moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the afternoon session; and this motion prevailed.

Motion to Reconsider.

Injured em-
ployees, —
additional
methods of
compensation.

Mr. Bartlett of North Attleborough moved that the vote be reconsidered, by which the House, at the preceding session, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (Senate, No. 390, amended); and this motion, after debate, was negatived, by a vote of 29 to 96.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To provide for further improvement of the port of Boston (which originated in the House);

Relative to the salaries of county treasurers;
 Relative to the salaries of county commissioners;
 To provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act; and
 To authorize a temporary increase in the compensation of certain employees of the counties of the Commonwealth;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate);
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Granting a county tax for the county of Barnstable;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Berkshire;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Bristol;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Dukes County;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Essex;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Franklin;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Hampden;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Hampshire;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Middlesex;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Norfolk;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Plymouth;
 Granting a county tax for the county of Worcester;
 (Which severally originated in the House); and
 To provide for an investigation of the State Board of Labor and Industries (which originated in the Senate);
 Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to the Public Service Commission (House, No. 1582) were adopted, in concurrence.

Orders of
the day.

The Bill relative to the salaries of district attorneys and assistant district attorneys (Senate, No. 399) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Young of Weston, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the officers, members, clerks, and stenographers of the District Police (Senate, No. 418) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the State Board of Labor and Industries to appoint additional temporary inspectors (Senate, No. 419, amended) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence, and the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an investigation of the compensation and working conditions of officials and employees of the

Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (Senate, No. 415) was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence, and the resolve was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjournment — Hour of Meeting.

Afternoon
session.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, —

Voted, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

At thirteen minutes past one o'clock, on motion of Mr. Bliss of Malden, the House adjourned, to meet at half-past two o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Water
resources, —
recess
investigation.

The House Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1592) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the words "one citizen of the Commonwealth", and inserting in place thereof the words "one citizen of the United States".

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Greenwood of Everett; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Monopolies
and combina-
tions in
restraint
of trade.

The House Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade (House, No. 1595) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

In section 1, striking out, in line 2, the word "commodity", and inserting in place thereof the words "fish or fish products"; striking out, in line 5, the words "commodity or article", and inserting in place thereof the words "fish or fish products"; and striking out, in line 8, the words "article or commodity", and inserting in place thereof the words "fish or fish products";

In section 2, striking out all after the word "sold", in line 10; and

In the title, striking out the word "trade", and inserting in place thereof the words "the sale of fish and fish products".

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Kiernan of Wareham.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield; and the House refused to concur in the amendments.

On motion of Mr. Powers of Newton the House asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Allen of Newton,

Powers of Newton and McGrath of Boston the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently the bill came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, concurred in the appointment of a committee of conference, and that Messrs. Colburn, Smith and Eames had been joined.

The Senate Bill relative to the salaries of clerks and assistant clerks of the courts (Senate, No. 400) came down with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred in the House amendments, with amendments inserting at the end of the amendment of line 15 the words “, provided that the increases affecting the salaries of the said clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston shall not take effect until their approval, on or before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston”; and inserting at the end of the paragraph inserted after line 74 the words “, provided that the increases affecting the salaries of the said assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston shall not take effect until their approval, on or before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston”.

Clerks and assistant clerks of courts, — salaries.

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Bill to provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States (Senate, No. 375, amended), recommending that the House recede from its amendments [Mr. McLaughlin, of the Senate, and Mr. Sawyer of Ware, of the House, dissenting], accepted by the Senate, was read.

Soldiers and sailors, — absent voting.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Sawyer.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Crowley of Abington; and the report was then rejected.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the House ask for a new committee of conference; and this motion, after debate, was adopted. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bliss of Malden, Abbott of Haverhill and Sawyer of Ware the new committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently the report came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the appointment of a new committee of conference.

Mr. Young of Weston moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House refused to accept the report, in concurrence, and asked for a new committee of conference; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

After debate on the recurring question the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth.

The report was then accepted, in concurrence, by a vote of 153 to 8.

Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Bill to establish a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Senate, No. 422), recommending that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the House amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting four new sections, and concur therein with a further amendment striking out all of said inserted sections and inserting in place thereof the following new sections: "SECTION 1. Upon the expiration of the term of office of the Boston transit commission the city of Boston shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities heretofore conferred or imposed upon the commission and remaining in effect at the date of the passage of this act, the said powers and duties to be exercised and performed by the mayor, commissioner of public works, and city treasurer, or by such [A] persons as may be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto. The persons so appointed shall receive such compensation for their services as the mayor and city council shall determine. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage." ; and that the House concur in the adoption of this amendment; also that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the House amendment of the title, and concur therein with a further amendment so that the title shall read "An Act to provide for the transfer of the powers of the Boston transit commission to the city of Boston."; and that the House concur therein, — accepted by the Senate, was read.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston; and, on further motion of Mr. Hays, there being no objection, the report was amended by striking out, at "A", the word "persons", and inserting in place thereof the words "person or persons, not exceeding three,".

The report, as amended, was then accepted, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

State institutions, — construction and improvement of buildings.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate Bill relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions (Senate, No. 425), recommending that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the House amendment, and concur therein with an amendment striking out the sections inserted by the House and inserting in place thereof the following sections: —

"SECTION 1. Estimates for building construction and institutional development filed in accordance with the provisions of section two of chapter two hundred and forty-four of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be accompanied by preliminary studies and general specifications sufficient for a careful estimate by a competent contractor, and at least one such estimate of the cost of any new construction, including heating, plumbing, lighting, ventilation and equipment, for alteration or repair of existing construction when such estimate exceeds five thousand dollars. SECTION 2. Any board, depart-

ment or commission having in charge a building operation, as described in section one of this act, shall procure preliminary studies and reliable estimates of the cost of the proposed work and shall file copies of such preliminary studies and estimates in the office of such board, department or commission, and in the office of the supervisor of administration on or before the fifteenth day of October of the year preceding reference to the general court with request for an appropriation. SECTION 3. Preliminary studies as submitted with estimates shall not be changed or amended thereafter in any respect, except with the written approval of such board, department or commission, and such changes shall be kept on file distinct from the original studies authorized. The board, department or commission, or the trustees or officers in direct charge of such building operation, shall, after the submission of preliminary studies and estimates, when so authorized by the general court, obtain working plans and specifications, shall advertise in a reasonable number of newspapers for proposals for the performance of such work, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder; but no contract shall be awarded for a sum in excess of the appropriation available therefor. SECTION 4. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of sections one and two of this act, in cases where the general court fails to make an appropriation to carry out the construction or development asked for, reasonable amounts in compensation for such preliminary studies, specifications and estimates not exceeding one per cent of the estimated cost of construction may be expended, subject to the amount annually appropriated therefor. SECTION 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, including chapter five hundred and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven and acts in amendment thereof, are hereby repealed. SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”; and that the House concur in the adoption of the amendment, — accepted by the Senate, was read.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence; and after debate it was accepted, in concurrence.

The House order providing for the appointment of a joint special committee to sit during the recess of the General Court, to be known as the Special Recess Committee on Workmen's Compensation, came down adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting the words “Said committee shall also consider the subject of providing by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who at the time of an election are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, under the provisions of Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution.”

Joint special
recess com-
mittee, —
workmen's
compensation;
absent voting.

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Sawyer of Ware; and the House refused to concur therein.

The engrossed Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Highway Commission to keep certain highways on main through routes

Main
thoroughfares,
— winter

routes for
motor vehicles.

passable for motor vehicles during the winter months (see Senate, No. 331, changed) came down with the endorsement that it had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended by striking out section 5.

Mr. Lyman of Easthampton asked unanimous consent to move that the vote be reconsidered by which, at a previous session, the bill was passed to be enacted.

Objection was made by Mr. Warner of Taunton; and the bill was returned to the Senate.

Subsequently the bill came down with the endorsement that the Senate had refused to recede from its amendment.

Street railway
companies, —
municipal
support.

The engrossed Bill to authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies (see House, No. 1552) came down with the endorsement that the bill had been returned by His Excellency the Governor at the request of the Senate, that the vote by which it was passed to be enacted had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended, in section 1, by striking out, in line 1 (as printed), the words "in any year", and inserting in place thereof the words, "during the period of the present war and for two years following its termination as defined by federal authority"; by inserting after the word "valuation", in line 8 (as printed), the words "in any town, and not exceeding fifty cents per one thousand dollars of the preceding year's valuation in any city"; and by striking out, at the end of the section, as changed, the words (section 2, as printed) "No contract to make such a contribution shall be made covering a period of more than five years from the time of making the same. But the approval by the public service commission shall be in full force and effect until changed or revoked by it."

On motion of Mr. Baldwin of Brookline, there being no objection, the vote by which the bill had been passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The amendments were then considered under a suspension of the rule, on further motion of the same member; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company.

The House Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1599) came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the following amendments: —

Striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 2. Upon the filing with the secretary of the commonwealth of the agreement of association for the purpose of organizing the new company as provided in section one, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint five persons to act as trustees, as hereinafter provided, to serve for terms of five years from the date of appointment and until the appointment and qualification of their successors, and in like manner shall appoint their successors to serve until the expiration of a period of ten years from the date of the filing of the agreement of association as aforesaid, upon which expiration

the management and control of the trustees shall terminate. Upon the first day of the month following the acquisition of the new company of the railways, property and franchises of the company, said trustees shall assume the management and control of the new company and, subject to the provisions of this act, shall continue to exercise said management and control during said period of ten years. The governor shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term and may remove any trustee with the advice and consent of the council. Pending the acquisition by the new company of the railways, property and franchises of the company, the trustees shall receive from the treasury of the commonwealth such compensation and allowance for expenses as the governor and council may approve, to be repaid to the commonwealth by the new company when it acquires the railways, property and franchises of the company. Thereafter each trustee shall receive from the new company an annual salary of five thousand dollars. The provisions of section one of chapter seven of the Revised Laws shall not apply to said trustees.”;

In section 3, striking out all after the word “act”, in line 9;

In section 5, striking out, in lines 19 and 20, the words “shall cover all the property acquired thereafter by the new company”, and inserting in place thereof the words “and any other new mortgage may cover all the property acquired thereafter by the new company, except that additional property may be acquired subject to purchase money mortgages, conditional sale agreements or equipment trusts. Said mortgage and”;

In section 7, inserting after the word “thereto”, in line 26, the words “, subject to the terms and conditions of any orders of the public service commission under which they were issued”;

In section 8, inserting after the word “for”, in line 3, the words “the paying in of one million dollars in cash by the holders of shares or securities of the company for shares, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the new company to be used in rehabilitation of its lines or for other corporate purposes and also that provision has been made for”; and inserting after the word “sold”, in line 14, the words “on or after one year from the date of the organization of the new company”;

In section 9, striking out, in line 6, the words “of the organization of the new company”, and inserting in place thereof the words “on which the new company acquires the railway, property and franchises of the company”;

In section 10, striking out, in line 47, the words “tax commissioner”, and inserting in place thereof the words “treasurer and receiver general”;

In section 12, inserting after the word “extension”, in line 3, the words “, sale or lease”; inserting after the word “lines”, in the same line, the words “or any portion thereof”; striking out, in line 5, the words “upon the application of the trustees”; and inserting after the word “extension”, in line 9, the words “, sale or lease”;

In section 13, inserting after the word “laws”, in line 12, the words “, except the power to make the agreement or agreements provided in section nine”;

Adding at the end of section 15 the paragraph: "Any city or town by majority vote as defined in chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, may from time to time for the purpose of preventing increases in fares or of reducing fares or of avoiding discontinuance or reduction of service, enter into an agreement or agreements with the trustees in accordance with which such city or town is hereby authorized to contribute, during the period of the war and for two years thereafter, to the cost of service any part or all of the increase in the cost of operation due to increased wages or the cost of supplies or coal, in excess of the average cost for the year ending July first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as determined and apportioned by the trustees, provided that such contribution of a city shall not in any one year exceed the sum of fifty cents per thousand dollars of the preceding year's assessed valuation of such city and that such contribution of a town shall not in any one year exceed the sum of one dollar per thousand dollars of the preceding year's assessed valuation of such town. If part only of the cities and towns in any fare district contribute to cost of operation as above provided the trustees may make such adjustments in fares as in their judgment are equitable under the circumstances.";

In section 17, inserting after the word "established", in line 4, the words " , plus such increases as may be made under this section"; and inserting after the word "established", in line 10, the words " , or as so increased";

Adding at the end of section 18 the words " , until the general court shall otherwise provide";

In section 20, inserting after the word "year", in line 51, the words "during the continuance of the war and for a period of two years thereafter"; and

Inserting after section 21 the following new section: "SECTION 22. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to review, annul, modify, amend or enforce rulings or orders of the trustees to the same extent that such jurisdiction is given to said court over rulings or orders of the public service commission by sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen."

The amendments were considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Worrall of Attleboro; and after debate they were adopted, in concurrence.

Boston
Chamber of
Commerce.

Notice was received that the engrossed Bill relative to the Boston Chamber of Commerce (see Senate, No. 413) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Also that the following engrossed bills, having been returned by His Excellency the Governor with his objections thereto in writing, had severally failed to pass:—

Somerville, —
drainage of
Medford street.

Relative to the drainage of Medford street in the city of Somerville (see Senate, Nos. 385 and 427); and

Injured em-
ployees, —
methods of
compensation.

To provide additional methods of guaranteeing compensation under the workmen's compensation act (see Senate, Nos. 390, amended, and 428).

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Boothman of Adams, for the committee on Pay-Roll, on an order relative to the compensation of the members of the House for attendance during the present session, that the following order, with the accompanying schedule, ought to be adopted: —

Pay-roll, —
compensation
for attendance.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$239,600 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for attendance at the present session of the General Court, is approved, and that the same be sent to the Governor and Council.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Boothman. The order was adopted, as recommended by the committee, and the schedule was signed by the Speaker.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the committee on Rules, that the Resolve providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1432) ought to pass.

Educational
systems, —
recess
investigation.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Bliss, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading; and under a further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, it was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to the preceding acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1618), which was read.

Miscellaneous
appropriations.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bliss of Malden, for the joint committee on Rules, that the Resolve providing for a recess commission to consider the sheep industry and related matters (Senate, No. 424) ought to pass in a new draft entitled: Resolve providing for a special commission to consider the sheep industry in this Commonwealth (House, No. 1619). Read; and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sheep indus-
try, —
recess
investigation.

Subsequently Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the resolve ought to pass with an amendment striking the words "ten thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "three thousand".

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner; and the resolve was read a second time. The amendment was adopted, as recommended by the committee; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Under a further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the resolve was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Allen of Newton, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the

Monopolies
and combina-

tions in
restraint of
trade.

House Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade (House, No. 1595), that they were unable to agree.

The report was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Allen, and was accepted. On further motion of the same member the House asked for the appointment of a new committee of conference.

Subsequently the Speaker appointed Messrs. Allen of Newton, Ballantyne of Boston and Mitchell of Springfield the new committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of
the day.

The Bill to increase temporarily the salaries of certain judges, registers and assistant registers of probate and insolvency (Senate, No. 421) was considered, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Mr. Greenwood of Everett moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court.

After debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Spinney of Weymouth; and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the Commonwealth dry dock;

Relative to the Public Service Commission;

To apportion and assess a state tax of eleven million dollars;

Relative to the construction and improvement of buildings at state institutions;

Authorizing the Governor to incur emergency expenses incident to the state of war;

To authorize the city of Methuen to borrow money for improving its water supply;

To authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies;

To provide for the insertion of the chapter number in the act to make certain substantive corrections in existing laws;

Authorizing the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands to permit the extension of wharves and piers and to co-operate with the federal government in matters relating to the war;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relative to the salaries of clerks and assistant clerks of the courts;

Relative to the salaries of district attorneys and assistant district attorneys;

To establish the salaries of the officers, members, clerks and stenographers of the District Police;

Authorizing the State Board of Labor and Industries to appoint additional temporary inspectors; and

To increase temporarily the salaries of the judges, registers and assistant registers of probate and insolvency;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Providing for a special commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth; Resolves passed.

Providing for a special commission to investigate the educational systems of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Providing for an investigation of the compensation and working conditions of officials and employees of the Commonwealth and of the several counties thereof (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolutions.

Mr. Smith of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Foley of Boston offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, elected for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, hereby records its appreciation of the marked fidelity and efficiency with which the Hon. Channing H. Cox has presided over its deliberations. The members of the House will never forget a Speaker who has known how to combine courtesy and consideration for each member with a due regard for the prompt dispatch of business; and, irrespective of party or political convictions, they tender him their sincere wishes for success in his future career. Speaker of the House.

The resolution was read; and, after remarks by Mr. Foley, it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Hearn of Boston offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, elected for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, hereby records its thanks to James W. Kimball, Clerk of the House, for his courteous and faithful services. The members of the House have profited by his long experience and thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure; and they recognize the high quality of the talents which he has devoted to this office. Mr. Kimball has been well seconded by Frank E. Bridgman, the Assistant Clerk, who has displayed a capacity much more than equal to the duties of his position. Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

The resolution was read; and, after remarks by Mr. Hearn, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Underhill of Somerville offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, elected for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, hereby tenders to its Chaplain, the Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, its appreciation of the punctual and reverent manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, and of the example which he has set before them of a self-sacrificing life. Chaplain of the House.

The resolution was read; and after remarks by Mr. Underhill, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gibbs of Waltham offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, elected for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, takes pleasure in recording Sergeant-at-Arms.

its appreciation of the services rendered by its Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas F. Pedrick. Mr. Pedrick has discharged his duties with vigilance and dignity, and has added to the prestige of his office. Of his assistants, the doorkeepers, messengers and pages, it is sufficient to say that they have performed their duties in the same spirit, and with the same success.

The resolution was read; and after remarks by Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Atwood of Boston, it was unanimously adopted.

Doorkeeper
of the House.

Mr. Gillen of Boston offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, elected for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, takes great pleasure in expressing its appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and efficiency with which the doorkeeper, James Beatty, has discharged the duties of his position. Mr. Beatty's long term of service for the Commonwealth has endeared him to the many members of the House of Representatives for successive years.

The resolution was read; and, after remarks by Mr. Gillen, it was unanimously adopted.

Recess.

Recess.

At twenty-two minutes before seven o'clock, on motion of Mr. Atwood of Boston, recess was taken (the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare adjournment at half-past four o'clock having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston) until eight o'clock; at which hour the House reassembled.

Papers from the Senate.

Sheep industry,—recess
investigation.

A Resolve providing for a recess commission to consider the sheep industry and related matters (Senate, No. 424) (new draft of House resolve No. 1619), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Beaman of Leverett; and the resolve was read a second time.

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston moved that the resolve be amended by striking out the words "two members of the Senate and four members of the House", and inserting in place thereof the words "three members of the Senate and six members of the House".

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment, the following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:—

Message from the Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 31, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Message from
the Governor,
—absent voting
by soldiers
and sailors.

It has just come to my attention that a measure is likely to receive your approval which would give to the soldiers and sailors absent from their regular voting places the privilege of participating in the election of certain state and federal officers

without giving them the privilege of voting for members of the General Court and certain other officers appearing on the ballot. There would seem to be no logical reason for disfranchising the soldiers and sailors in respect to any officers in the selection of which they ordinarily participate. While it may be impossible often for the soldiers and sailors to exercise the franchise when in service, I feel very strongly that you should make provision allowing them a full vote and an opportunity to express their opinion upon all questions appearing upon the ballot whenever the military service permits. Justice to those now absent in the military service would seem to demand that suitable provision be made for them in this respect before you adjourn. My knowledge of your desire to be prorogued leads me to advise you in this regard without waiting for the proposed measure to be engrossed and laid before me. The proposed measure contains only a partial recognition of the just rights of the soldiers and sailors, and while it would be better to pass it than to have no legislation, I strongly urge you to supplement it by giving them the right to vote for all candidates and upon all questions appearing upon the ballot.

SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

The message (House, No. 1620) was read.

Mr. Channing H. Cox of Boston (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) moved that the message be referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Pending the question on this motion the same member moved that the House adjourn until Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.; and this motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock P.M., the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

MONDAY, June 3, 1918.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Introduced on Leave.

Monopolies
and combina-
tions in re-
straint of
trade.

Mr. Allen of Newton introduced (on leave) a Bill relative to monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade in articles in common use. The same member moved that the 12th joint rule be suspended; and this motion was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company.

The Speaker laid before the House the Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1599), and stated that, through an oversight, certain amendments, which had been duly adopted by the Senate, were omitted from the amendments sent to the House on Friday last. There being no objection, the Speaker stated that these amendments would also be considered as having been concurred in.

The amendments in question were as follows:—

In section 14, striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "and after a public hearing,"; and

In section 15, striking out, in lines 10 to 18, inclusive, the paragraph: "The trustees shall divide the territory served by the new company into two main fare districts, one to include all lines of said company north of the city of Boston, and one to include all lines of the said company south of the city of Boston, and shall divide said two districts into smaller fare districts, and shall fix schedules of rates and fares for the several fare districts so formed on the basis of the cost of the service in each district as defined in section fourteen.", and inserting in place thereof the paragraph: "The lines of the new company north and south of Boston shall constitute two fare districts. The aggregate of the items entering into the cost of service of the new company as provided in section fourteen hereof shall be allocated as the trustees in their discretion may determine between the said two districts for the purpose of estimating the basis for rates and fares. The trustees shall after notice and a hearing make such further division of the said two districts into smaller fare districts as they may deem reasonable. They shall also after notice and a hearing make such further allocation of the aggregate of such items among such smaller districts as will in their judgment fairly distribute the aggregate of the same so as to avoid as far as is consistent with the public interest and reasonably practi-

cable the inclusion of such items in the computation of the cost of service in any fare district as may properly be laid upon territory outside of such district. The trustees may from time to time after notice and a hearing revise any such fare districts."

The House report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the House Bill to prohibit monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade (House, No. 1595) came down accepted, in concurrence, and with the endorsement that the Senate had non-concurred in the appointment of a new committee of conference.

Monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade.

The House order authorizing the appointment of a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, to sit during the recess of the General Court and to be known as the Special Recess Committee on Workmen's Compensation, — came down with the endorsement that the Senate receded from its amendment, in which the House had non-concurred.

Joint special recess committee, — workmen's compensation.

A Bill making further provision for absent voting (Senate, No. 429) (reported on a part of a message from the Governor, House, No. 1620), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Soldiers and sailors, — absent voting.

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the rule be suspended so the bill might take its second reading forthwith; and this motion, after debate, was adopted.

The bill was read a second time. After debate (Mr. Bliss of Malden being in the chair) Mr. Underhill of Somerville moved that the bill be amended by the substitution of the Bill to provide for voting by certain persons absent from the city or town of which they are registered voters (printed as Senate, No. 375, changed).

Mr. Martin Hays of Boston raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane, being broader in its scope than the message from the Governor on which the bill was based. The Chair (Mr. Bliss) stated that the message dealt entirely with voting by members of the army and navy, while the amendment included civilians. He therefore declared the point of order well taken.

Point of order.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Putnam of Lowell; and the bill was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 136 to 12.

Under a further suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Sawyer, the bill was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Subsequently Mr. Hays moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and this motion prevailed.

Pending the recurring question Mr. Dunkle of Boston moved that the bill be amended by inserting after section 1 the following: "SECTION 2. Section twelve of said chapter two hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — as affected by chapter two hundred and fifty-

eight of the general acts of the current year, relating to the supplementary registration of soldiers and sailors."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Absent voting,
— recess
investigation.

A Resolve providing for a special recess commission on absent voting (Senate, No. 430) (reported on a part of a message from the Governor, House, No. 1620), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Martin Hays of Boston, and the resolve was read a second time.

The same member moved that the resolve be amended by striking out the words "two members of the Senate and four members of the House", and inserting in place thereof the words "three members of the Senate and six members of the House".

Mr. Sawyer of Ware moved that the resolve be amended by the substitution of a Resolve to provide for the drafting of legislation relative to absent voting (House, No. 1623), as follows:—

"Resolved, That the attorney-general and the secretary of the commonwealth be and are hereby authorized and requested to draft a bill to provide for a system of absent voting by all persons absent on the day of election from the city or town where they reside, and to report to the General Court on or before the closing day for the presentation of new business."

Mr. Hays asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. Objection was made by Mr. Quigley of Chelsea.

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Burke of Boston.

The amendment moved by Mr. Hays was then rejected; the amendment moved by Mr. Sawyer was adopted; and the resolve, as thus amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Under a further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hays, the resolve (House, No. 1623) was read a third time; and after debate it was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Swansea and
Seekonk Street
Railway
Company.

Notice was received that the engrossed Bill relative to the Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company (see House, No. 467, amended) had been referred by the Senate to the next General Court.

Reports of Committees.

State officials
and employees,
— bonds.

By Mr. Young of Weston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a part of the abstract of the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 500), a Bill relative to the bonds required by certain officials and employees of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1622), which was read.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton; and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Auditor of
the Common-
wealth, —
annual report.

By Mr. Bitzer of Arlington, for the committee on Ways and Means, no further legislation necessary, on the annual abstract, under chapter 630 of the acts of 1908, of the annual report of

the Auditor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 500). Considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Bitzer, and accepted.

By Mr. Warner of Taunton, for the committee on Ways and Means, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in further addition to the preceding acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law (House, No. 1624), which was read. The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Warner, and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Miscellaneous appropriations.

Subsequently the bill came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, striking out the words "For extra services of Peter F. J. Carney, second deputy secretary of the commonwealth, in attention to the engrossing of acts and resolves, the sum of one hundred dollars, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter seven hundred and eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen."

The amendment was considered under a suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Warner of Taunton; and after debate it was adopted, in concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, —

Ordered, That the Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (House, No. 1599) be reprinted, with the amendments agreed to by the Senate and House and the changes made by the committees on Bills in the Third Reading incorporated in the text. (See House, No. 1621.)

Bay State Street Railway Company.

Recess and Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bowser of Wakefield the provisions of the standing order requiring the Speaker to declare a recess at ten minutes before one o'clock and adjournment at half-past four o'clock were suspended.

Recess and adjournment.

Orders of the Day.

The message from His Excellency the Governor recommending that soldiers and sailors be authorized to vote for all candidates and on all questions appearing on the ballot (House, No. 1620), being the unfinished business of the preceding session, was considered further.

Orders of the day.

After debate the pending motion that the message be referred to the committee on Election Laws was adopted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for a recess commission to consider the sheep industry and related matters (Senate, No. 424) was considered, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

After debate Mr. Martin of Boston moved that the resolve be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Smith of Boston moved that the resolve be amended by inserting after the word "interests", in line 9, the words ", including agriculture; and shall study into and recommend changes in the laws affecting the organization, powers and duties of the state department of agriculture and other agricultural laws and agricultural organizations".

After further debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Lyman of Easthampton.

The amendment previously moved by Mr. Martin Hays of Boston (striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words "two members of the Senate and four members of the House", and inserting in place thereof the words "three members of the Senate and six members of the House") was then adopted; the amendment moved by Mr. Smith was adopted; and the resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarbell of Brookfield; and the resolve was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Engrossed Bills and Resolves.

Bay State
Street Railway
Company.

An engrossed Bill relative to the Bay State Street Railway Company (which originated in the House) (see House, No. 1599, amended) was put upon its final passage.

Rule 53 was suspended, on motion of Mr. Worrall of Attleboro.

On further motion of the same member the bill was amended, in section 20, by striking out the last paragraph, as follows:—

"The new company, until the general court shall otherwise provide, shall pay on account of its corporate franchise a tax assessed in the manner provided by law for the assessment of franchise taxes upon street railways, *provided, however, that if in any year during the continuance of the war and for a period of two years thereafter the income of the new company applicable to the payment of dividends and instalments on serial bonds shall not amount to a sum aggregating six per cent upon its capital stock then issued and outstanding there shall be deducted from the tax to be paid by it as determined under the provisions of section forty-three of Part III of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by section six of chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, an amount equivalent to the difference between the net income actually earned during each year applicable to dividends and instalments on serial bonds and six per cent upon its capital stock then issued and outstanding: provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to relieve the trustees from the duty of including in the cost of service the amount of the corporate franchise tax assessed in the manner provided by law.*"

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Subsequently the bill, as amended, was put upon its final passage.

Mr. Odlin of Lynn moved that the bill be amended by striking out the enacting clause; and this amendment, after debate, was rejected.

Mr. Odlin then asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. A count showed that 157 members were present.

The bill was then passed to be enacted; and it was signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills:

Relative to the bonds required by certain officials and employees of the Commonwealth; Bills enacted.

In addition to the preceding acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

In further addition to the preceding acts making appropriations for sundry miscellaneous expenses authorized by law;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To provide for the transfer of the powers of the Boston Transit Commission to the city of Boston;

To provide for voting by qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States;

Making further provision for absent voting; and

Relative to the borrowing of money by the city of Worcester for the construction of a bridge over part of Lake Quinsigamond;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

To provide for the drafting of legislation relative to absent voting; and Resolves passed.

Providing for a recess commission to consider the sheep industry and related matters;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Recess Committees and Commissions.

Notice was received that Messrs. Nichols, Jackson and Hardy had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, on the joint special recess committee to continue the study of the existing laws relative to taxation. Taxation laws.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Abbott of Haverhill, Briggs of Plymouth, Pierce of Greenfield, Furness of Everett, Spinney of Weymouth and Murphy of Lowell.

Notice was received that Messrs. Sanford, Hart and Brown had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, on the joint special recess committee to continue the investigation of the fish industry in this Commonwealth. Fish industry.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Allen of Newton, Whitman of Quincy, Boothman of Adams, Bentley of Swampscott, John L. Donovan of Boston and Manning of Brockton.

Notice was received that Messrs. Cavanagh, McLane and Buckley had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, Workmen's compensation.

on the joint special recess committee to study the laws relative to workmen's compensation.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Makepeace of Malden, Barry of Lynn, Kneeland of Winchester, Bagshaw of Fall River, Morrison of Medford and Foley of Boston.

Educational systems.

Notice was received that Messrs. Chamberlain and Halliwell had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, on the special recess commission to investigate and study the state and local educational systems of the Commonwealth.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Hull of Leominster, Brown of Woburn, Maloney of Chelsea and Craig of Boston.

Water resources.

Notice was received that Messrs. Beck, Tetler and Lawler had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, on the special recess commission to investigate the water resources of the Commonwealth.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Monk of Watertown, Tolman of Gloucester, Marsh of Springfield, Wharton of Boston, Doyle of New Bedford and Burke of Boston.

Sheep industry.

Notice was received that Messrs. Colburn, Hastings and Perrin had been appointed to serve, on the part of the Senate, on the special recess commission to investigate the sheep industry in this Commonwealth and other agricultural matters.

The Speaker appointed to serve, on the part of the House, Messrs. Beaman of Leverett, Wilson of South Hadley, Bray of Buckland, Pepin of Salem, Leavitt of Boston and Adams of Stockbridge.

Prorogation.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence: —

Prorogation.

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, and such members as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the General Court have disposed of the public business brought before them, and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

Messrs. Hobson, Nash and Morris having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Warner of Taunton, Allen of Norwood, Hall of Worcester, Bennett of Springfield, Moran of Mansfield, Harrington of Fall River, Mahoney of Peabody and McKinney of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Warner, for the committee, reported that they had waited upon His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, acting Governor (in the absence from the Commonwealth of His Excellency the Governor) and informed him of the action of the two branches; and that His Honor congratulated the General Court upon the completion of its duties, and stated that he would communicate further with the two houses through the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

At fifteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and stated that during the session 293 general acts, 189 special acts and 90 resolves had received executive approval; that His Excellency had returned 2 general acts and 1 special act with his objections thereto in writing in each of which his objections were sustained; and that he had withheld his approval from 2 general acts, which had become law by virtue of Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

The Secretary further stated that he had been instructed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, to say that, in compliance with the request of the two branches, and with the advice of the Council, he was pleased to prorogue the General Court to the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest:

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER
OF THE
EXECUTIVE
AND
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS
OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
1918.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First Year in Present Office.
Samuel W. McCall, <i>Governor</i> ,	Winchester, .	Feb. 28, 1851	East Providence, Pa.	Lawyer, . . .	1916
Calvin Coolidge, <i>Lieutenant-Governor</i> ,	Northampton, .	July 4, 1872	Plymouth, Vt., .	Lawyer, . . .	1916
David L. Parker, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 1, .	New Bedford, .	Aug. 30, 1851	New Bedford, .	Publisher, . . .	1915
Richard F. Andrews, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 2, .	Boston, . .	April 13, 1863	Lynn, . . .	Real estate and insurance.	1916
Lewis R. Sullivan, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 3, .	Boston, . .	Aug. 29, 1874	Boston, . . .	—	1918
George B. Wason, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 4, .	Cambridge, .	April 20, 1869	Boston, . . .	Banker, . . .	1918
Fred'k H. Tarr, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 5, .	Rockport, . .	Oct. 8, 1868	Rockport, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1916
James G. Harris, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 6, .	Medford, . .	May 4, 1872	New Brunswick, .	Manufacturer, .	1917
Matthew J. Whittall, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 7, .	Worcester, .	Mar. 10, 1847	Kitterdminster, Eng.	Manufacturer, .	1918
Charles H. Wright, <i>Councillor</i> , District No. 8, .	Pittsfield, . .	Sept. 12, 1870	Hinsdale, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1915

Stanley R. Miller, ¹ <i>Private Secretary to the Governor.</i>	Winchester,	Sept. 19, 1882	Boston,	Lawyer,	1916
Henry F. Long, ¹ <i>Assistant Private Secretary to the Governor.</i>	Topsfield,	Sept. 29, 1883	Topsfield,	-	1916
Edward F. Hamlin, <i>Executive Secretary,</i>	Newton,	June 6, 1844	Plainfield,	-	1877
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.					
Albert P. Langtry, <i>Secretary of the Commonwealth.</i>	Springfield,	July 27, 1860	Wakefield,	Editor,	1911
Charles L. Burrill, <i>Treasurer and Receiver-General,</i>	Boston,	Jan. 3, 1862	Boston,	Banker,	1915
Alonso B. Cook, <i>Auditor of the Commonwealth,</i>	Boston,	July 31, 1866	Boston,	Lawyer,	1915
Henry C. Atwill, <i>Attorney-General,</i>	Lynn,	Mar. 11, 1872	Lynn,	Lawyer,	1915
Jesse F. Stevens, <i>The Adjutant-General,</i>	Quincy (Wollaston).	Sept. 27, 1869	Randolph,	Curator,	1917

¹ Mr. Miller was appointed a trustee of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on June 26; Mr. Long was appointed to succeed him as private secretary on the same day.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

HON. HENRY G. WELLS, PRESIDENT.

District.	NAME.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Occupation.	YEARS IN LEGISLATURE.	
						House.	Senate.
Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden.	George A. Hastings, Leonard F. Hardy,	North Adams, Huntington,	Jan. 12, 1858 Oct. 24, 1874	Richmond, Weedsport, N. Y.,	Pharmacist, Lawyer,	None. 1910, '11, '12, '13.	1917, '18. 1918.
First Bristol,	Silas D. Reed,	Taunton,	June 25, 1872	Taunton,	Lawyer,	1897, '98, '99, 1900, '01, '02.	1905, '06, '18.
Second Bristol,	Walter E. McLane,	Fall River,	Dec. 30, 1863	Taunton,	Cotton broker,	None.	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
Third Bristol,	John Halliwell,	New Bedford,	Feb. 21, 1864	Mosley, Lancashire, Eng.	Mule spinner,	1914, '15, '16, '17.	1918.
Cape and Plymouth.	Charles L. Gifford,	Barnstable (Cotuit),	Mar. 15, 1871	Barnstable (Cotuit),	Real estate, hotel business.	1912, '13.	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
First Essex,	George H. Jackson,	Lynn,	Mar. 9, 1865	Lowell,	Printer,	1902, '03, '04, '05, '06,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
Second Essex,	E. Howard Perley,	Salem,	Dec. 10, 1875	Salem,	Lawyer,	None.	1915, '16, '17, '18.
Third Essex,	Charles D. Brown,	Gloucester,	June 5, 1862	Newburyport,	Ex-postmaster,	1895, '96, '97.	1916, '17, '18.
Fourth Essex,	Henry G. Wells,	Haverhill,	Oct. 12, 1879	Bridgeport, Conn.,	Lawyer,	1913, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.	1913, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
Fifth Essex,	James R. Tetler,	Lawrence,	Aug. 26, 1877	Lawrence,	Plumbing and heating.	1909, '10.	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
Franklin and Hampshire.	George B. Churchill,	Amherst,	Oct. 24, 1866	Worcester,	College professor,	None.	1917, '18.
First Hampden,	George D. Chamberlain,	Springfield,	Sept. 23, 1858	Troy, N. Y.,	Accountant,	1913, '14, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Second Hampden,	Daniel J. Buckley,	Chicopee,	Mar. 31, 1876	Chicopee (Falls),	Plumber,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16.	1917, '18.

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First Middlesex.	James E. MacPherson.	Framingham.	Jan. 12, 1888	Framingham.	Lawyer.	1915, '16.	1917, '18.
Second Middlesex.	William E. Russell.	Cambridge.	April 29, 1886	Cambridge.	Lawyer.	None.	1918.
Third Middlesex.	Joseph O. Knox.	Somerville.	May 28, 1878	Boston (Charlestown).	Salesman.	1914, '15, '16, '17.	1918.
Fourth Middlesex.	James F. Cavanaugh.	Everett.	June 19, 1872	Chelsea.	Lawyer.	1910, '11, '12.	1915, '16, '17, '18.
Fifth Middlesex.	Charles S. Smith.	Lincoln.	Dec. 19, 1857	Lincoln.	Farmer and mine pres-ident.	None.	1917, '18.
Sixth Middlesex.	Edwin T. McKnight.	Medford.	Oct. 11, 1869	Matt Corner, King's Co., N. B.	Lawyer.	1906, '07.	1917, '18.
Seventh Middlesex.	Edward B. Eames.	Reading.	Apr. 15, 1856	Wilmington.	Wholesale lumber and ice.	1916, '17.	1918.
Eighth Middlesex.	Arthur W. Colburn.	Draut.	Dec. 1, 1877	Draut.	Farmer.	1915, '16.	1917, '18.
Norfolk.	Harold L. Ferrin.	Wellesley.	Dec. 27, 1869	Wellesley.	Lawyer, professor of law.	1916, '17.	1918.
Norfolk and Plym-outh.	Kenneth L. Nash.	Weymouth (South).	July 14, 1888	Weymouth (South).	Lawyer.	1914, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Norfolk and Suf-folk.	Herbert A. Wilson.	Boston (Brighton).	Nov. 27, 1870	Brighton.	Civil engineer.	1913, '14, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Plymouth.	Edward N. Dahlborg.	Brookton.	May 30, 1887	Brookton.	Lawyer.	1913, '14, '16.	1917, '18.
First Suffolk.	John E. Beek.	Chelsea.	May 10, 1869	Boston.	Publisher.	1902, '03, '13, '14.	1905, '06, '16, '17, '18.
Second Suffolk.	John I. Fitzgerald.	Boston.	July 18, 1882	Boston.	Real estate.	1916.	1917, '18.
Third Suffolk.	Edward G. Morris.	Boston.	Dec. 14, 1879	Boston.	Stock broker.	1915, '16.	1917, '18.
Fourth Suffolk.	Edward F. McLaughlin.	Boston.	June 6, 1883	Boston.	Insurance and real estate.	1913, '14, '15.	1916, '17, '18.
Fifth Suffolk.	Malcolm E. Nichols.	Boston.	May 8, 1876	Portland, Me.	Lawyer.	1907, '08, '09.	1914, '17, '18.
Sixth Suffolk.	George E. Curran.	Boston (Roxbury).	Jan. 28, 1874	Boston.	Stage manager, theat-rical contractor.	1914, '15, '16, '17.	1918.
Seventh Suffolk.	Charles S. Lawler.	Boston (Dorchester).	Sept. 17, 1879	Boston (Dorchester).	Treasurer.	1913, '14, '16.	1917, '18.
Eighth Suffolk.	Herman Hormel.	Boston (West Rox-bury).	Oct. 15, 1873	Boston (West Rox-bury).	Secretary.	None.	1917, '18.
Ninth Suffolk.	Alpheus Sanford.	Boston (Dorchester).	July 5, 1856	North Attleborough.	Lawyer.	1888, '90.	1917, '18.
First Worcester.	James L. Harrop.	Worcester.	Apr. 28, 1866	Lancashire, Eng.	Real estate.	1913, '14, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Second Worcester.	Clarence W. Hobbs, Jr.	Worcester.	Oct. 1, 1878	Woodford, Me.	Lawyer.	1910, '11, '12.	1913, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
Third Worcester.	Fred W. Cross.	Royalston.	Sept. 15, 1868	Royalston.	Teacher, farmer and conveyancer.	1914, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Fourth Worcester.	George Fred Hart.	Webster.	Nov. 9, 1859	Webster.	Physician.	1913, '14, '15, '16.	1917, '18.
Worcester and Hampden.	Ernest E. Hobson.	Palmer.	Sept. 29, 1878	Palmer.	Lawyer.	1907, '08, '09.	1917, '18.

1 Resigned June 4.

2 Resigned June 12.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME OF OFFICER.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	First Year in Office.
Henry D. Coolidge, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Concord,	Aug. 26, 1858	Chelsea,	1889
William H. Sanger, <i>Assistant Clerk</i> ,	Boston,	March 12, 1862	Louisville, Ky.,	1889
Thomas F. Pedrick, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> ,	Lynn,	Feb. 20, 1846	Marblehead,	1910
Rev. Edward A. Horton, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	Sept. 28, 1843	Springfield,	1904

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
HON. CHANNING H. COX, BOSTON, SPEAKER.

Districts.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	When in House.
BARNSTABLE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	George F. Dennis,	Sandwich,	Aug. 7, 1872	New Bedford,	Selectmen and overseer of poor.	1916, '17, '18.
2.	William N. Stetson,	Yarmouth,	Oct. 27, 1885	Harwich,	Fisherman, town officer,	1917, '18.
3.	Jerome S. Smith,	Provincetown,	Nov. 19, 1880	Provincetown,	Retired,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Alton L. Bellows,	Clarkburg,	Oct. 6, 1868	Washington, D. C.,	Building contractor,	1918.
2.	George B. Waterman,	Williamstown,	July 10, 1882	Williamstown,	Real estate and insurance,	1896, 1915, '16, '17, '18.
3.	Cornelius Boothman,	Adams,	Mar. 13, 1885	Williamstown,	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18.
4.	Frank Bartlett, ¹	Pittsfield,	Sept. 5, 1864	Saratoga, N. Y.,	Retired,	1900, '1, '2, '17, '18.
	Robert T. Kent,	Pittsfield,	Dec. 30, 1883	West Stockbridge,	Real estate,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	John Glenn Orr,	Pittsfield,	Feb. 27, 1887	Yonkers, N. Y.,	Express,	1917, '18.
5.	John H. McAllister,	Lee,	Aug. 10, 1889	South Lee,	Veterinarian,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
6.	Peter I. Adams,	Stockbridge,	Jan. 8, 1893	Alford,	Farmer,	1917, '18.

¹ Senate, 1915, '16; died, May 12.

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Bristol County.						
No. 1.	William A. Bartlett,	North Attleborough,	Dec. 2, 1878	North Attleborough,	General insurance,	1917, '18.
	George M. Worrall,	Attleboro,	Dec. 11, 1869	Marshfield,	Real estate and insurance,	1912, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
2.	James G. Moran,	Marshfield,	May 2, 1870	Marshfield,	Lawyer,	1917, '18.
3.	Matthew A. Higgins,	Taunton,	Jan. 15, 1860	Stoughton,	Grocer,	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
4.	Joseph E. Warner,	Taunton,	May 16, 1864	Taunton,	Lawyer,	1912, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
5.	Benjamin O. Jones,	Berkley,	July 28, 1882	Campello,	Lumber dealer,	1918.
6.	David L. Kelley,	Fairhaven,	Apr. 26, 1889	Fairhaven,	Salesman,	1916, '17, '18.
7.	Alfred M. Besette,	New Bedford,	Mar. 25, 1876	Fitchburg,	Pharmacist,	1917, '18.
	George Walker,	New Bedford,	Oct. 27, 1882	England,	Mule spinner,	1918.
8.	Andrew P. Doyle, ¹	New Bedford,	Aug. 15, 1869	Ireland,	Manager,	1906, '7, '8, '9, '10, '11, '12, '13, '18.
	Edgar F. Howland,	New Bedford,	Dec. 5, 1872	New Bedford,	Real estate,	1918.
	Gilbert G. Southworth,	New Bedford,	Mar. 9, 1883	New Bedford,	Mule spinner,	1917, '18.
9.	Joseph E. Freeling,	Fall River,	Mar. 19, 1871	Schenectady, N. Y.,	Stock broker,	1916, '17, '18.
	Isaac U. Wood,	Fall River,	June 18, 1861	Fall River,	Druggist,	1916, '17, '18.
10.	William S. Couray,	Fall River,	Oct. 2, 1877	Hosick Falls, N. Y.,	Loom fixer,	1917, '18.
	Edward F. Harrington,	Fall River,	Aug. 10, 1878	Fall River,	Grocer,	1909, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
11.	James T. Bagnaw,	Fall River,	Jan. 31, 1869	Allendale, R. I.,	Secretary,	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
	Ernest A. Larocque,	Fall River,	July 31, 1872	St. Césaire, Can.,	Salesman,	1916, '17, '18.
	Frank Mulveny,	Fall River,	June 14, 1885	Fall River,	Lawyer,	1911, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.

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Essex County — Con.						
No. 14.	Joseph L. Barry, William F. Craig, ¹ James E. Odlin, . James D. Bentley, John N. Osborne, Chauncey Pepin, George J. Bates, . Martin R. Lane, James B. Dow, . . James E. Tolman, ² Carlton W. Womson, Oscar H. Nelson, Carl C. Emery, . .	Lynn, Lynn, Lynn, Swampscott, . . Marblehead, . . Salem, Salem, Beverly, Beverly, Gloucester, . . . Gloucester, . . . Newburyport, . . Newburyport, . .	Nov. 21, 1880 Sept. 15, 1886 Apr. 10, 1887 Feb. 6, 1884 Jan. 28, 1883 Mar. 5, 1869 Feb. 25, 1891 Mar. 4, 1882 Apr. 7, 1880 Nov. 8, 1867 Mar. 27, 1888 Aug. 31, 1876 Nov. 4, 1888	Lynn, Nova Scotia, . . Laconia, N. H., . Canada, Marblehead, . . Quidneck, R. I., . Salem, Beverly, Scotland, Gloucester, . . . Gloucester, . . . West Newbury, . . Haverhill,	Lawyer, Lawyer, Lawyer, Merchant, Shoe manufacturer, Watchmaker, musician, Iron molder, . . . Inspector of machinery, Retired, Lawyer, Lawyer, Lawyer, Grocer,	1913, '14, '15, '17, '18. 1902, '3, '18. 1900, '1, '16, '17, '18. 1916, '17, '18. 1914, '15, '16, '17, '18. 1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18. 1918. 1917, '18. 1918. 1909, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18. 1918. 1918. 1915, '16, '17, '18.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Albert C. Bray, . .	Buckland,	Oct. 21, 1886	Buckland,	Farmer, town officer, .	1917, '18.
2.	Frederick E. Pierce,	Greenfield, . . .	May 5, 1862	Glenwood, Ia., . .	Broker,	1916, '17, '18.
3.	Charles H. Beaman,	Leverett,	Oct. 18, 1870	Leverett,	Farmer, box manufacturer, .	1917, '18.
4.	Nathanial P. Kolozs,	Orange,	June 12, 1871	New Salem, . . .	Clerk,	1918.

HAMPSDEN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	John O. Hamilton,	Palmer,	June 6, 1863	Palmer,	Farmer,	1918.
2.	Charles L. Cooley,	East Longmeadow,	Aug. 23, 1871	Springfield,	Retired,	1918.
3.	Clarence H. Granger,	Agawam,	Oct. 23, 1871	Agawam,	Farmer,	1917, '18.
4.	William J. Granfield,	Springfield,	Dec. 18, 1889	Springfield,	Lawyer,	1917, '18.
5.	John Mitchell,	Springfield,	Sept. 4, 1877	Springfield,	Flour and grain dealer,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
6.	Chauncey A. Bennett,	Springfield,	June 23, 1890	Springfield,	General insurance,	1917, '18.
7.	Giles Blague,	Springfield,	Nov. 2, 1876	Saybrook, Conn.,	Insurance,	1918.
8.	William Foster,	Springfield,	Jan. 21, 1899	Chatham, Eng.,	Woodworker,	1917, '18.
9.	Arthur E. Marsh,	Springfield,	Nov. 10, 1885	Springfield,	Real estate,	1916, '17, '18.
10.	Bion T. Wheeler,	Springfield,	July 25, 1890	St. Louis, Mo.,	Real estate broker,	1918.
11.	John D. O'Connor,	Chicopee,	May 7, 1896	Chicopee Falls,	Lawyer,	1918.
12.	John J. Murphy,	Holyoke,	Mar. 26, 1889	Holyoke,	Newspaper man,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
13.	John Cronin,	Holyoke,	Dec. 19, 1874	Holyoke,	Plumber,	1917, '18.
14.	Michael N. Slotnick,	Holyoke,	May 10, 1889	Russia,	Lawyer,	1918.
15.	Dexter A. Snow,	Westfield,	Jan. 3, 1890	Westfield,	Manager,	1918.
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Michael J. FitzGerald,	Northampton,	Mar. 10, 1878	Northampton,	Barber,	1916, '17, '18.
2.	Frank E. Lyman,	Easthampton,	Sept. 15, 1866	Grafton, Vt.,	Farmer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
3.	Alvin R. Wilson,	South Hadley,	Feb. 2, 1855	Heath,	Farmer,	1916, '17, '18.
4.	Rowland D. Sawyer,	Ware,	Jan. 8, 1874	Kensington, N. H.,	Clergymen,	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
No. 1.	William R. McMenimen,	Cambridge, .	Mar. 31, 1891	Somerville, .	Rigger,	1918.
2.	Arthur S. Browne, .	Cambridge, .	June 5, 1886	Cambridge, .	Lawyer,	1918.
	Frederic F. Claus, .	Cambridge, .	July 28, 1879	Watertown, .	Real estate and insurance, .	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Julius Meyers, . .	Cambridge, .	Dec. 6, 1883	Posen, Ger., .	Insurance,	1904, '7, '8, '9, '10, '17, '18.
3.	Philip R. Ammidon, .	Cambridge, .	Nov. 24, 1884	Cambridge, .	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18.
	Arthur F. Blanchard, .	Cambridge, .	Jan. 27, 1881	Newton,	Journalist,	1918.
	George H. Carriock, .	Cambridge, .	May 16, 1875	Boston,	Lawyer, real estate, insurance, .	1917, '18.
4.	J. Weston Allen, .	Newton,	Apr. 19, 1872	Newton,	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Leland Powers, . .	Newton,	July 1, 1890	Newton,	Lawyer,	1918.
	Thomas Weston, Jr., .	Newton,	Aug. 12, 1875	Newton,	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
5.	John M. Gibbs, . .	Waltham,	July 13, 1874	St. John, N. B., .	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	John R. Hudson, .	Waltham,	Aug. 25, 1872	Newton,	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Robert S. Corrigan, .	Natick,	Aug. 31, 1877	Newton,	Pharmacist,	1917, '18.
6.	Bernard F. Merriam, .	Framingham, .	Oct. 18, 1887	Southbridge, .	Lawyer,	1918.
7.	Wilbur A. Wood, .	Hopkinton, . .	Feb. 4, 1866	Hopkinton, . .	Treasurer woolen company, bank director, Clerk,	1917, '18.
8.	John H. Baker, . .	Marlborough, .	Nov. 18, 1875	Marlborough, .	Grocery clerk,	1907, '18.
9.	Rowland P. Harriman, .	Stow,	Dec. 27, 1864	Sudbury,	Retired,	1918.
10.	Walter Perham, . .	Chelmsford, .	Oct. 28, 1870	Salem, N. H., .	Vinegar manufacturer, . .	1917, '18.
11.	Frank A. Torrey, .	Groton,	Dec. 21, 1874	Woburn,	Lawyer,	1906, '8, '18.
12.	Benjamin Loring Young, .	Weston,	Nov. 7, 1888	Weston,	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18.

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14.	Dennis A. Murphy,	Lowell,	Sept. 26, 1876	Lowell,	Real estate and insurance,	1911, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18
15.	Henry Ashin, Jr.,	Lowell,	June 30, 1883	Lowell,	Fire insurance,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18
	Victor Francis Jewett,	Lowell,	Nov. 26, 1881	Tyngsborough,	Vinegar manufacturer,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18
	Frank H. Putnam,	Lowell,	Aug. 30, 1880	Lowell,	Wholesale produce dealer,	1917, '18
16.	Thomas J. Corbett,	Lowell,	May 10, 1883	England,	Express agent,	1917, '18
17.	Harry L. Shedd,	Tewksbury,	June 12, 1883	Woburn,	Market gardener and florist,	1918
18.	Frederic J. Brown,	Woburn,	Sept. 1, 1885	Woburn,	Treasurer of corporation,	1915, '16, '17, '18
	Arthur N. Newhall,	Stoneham,	Sept. 26, 1873	Appleton, Me.,	Shoe stock manufacturer,	1912, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18
19.	Eden K. Bower,	Wakefield,	June 26, 1874	Sackville, N. B.,	Lawyer,	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18
20.	Howard F. Furness,	Everett,	May 24, 1889	Everett,	Real estate,	1915, '17, '18
	Fred P. Greenwood,	Everett,	May 20, 1885	Alstead, N. H.,	Real estate,	1911, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18
21.	Alvin E. Bliss,	Malden,	Sept. 16, 1888	Brookline,	General superintendent,	1910, '11, '12, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18
	Lloyd Makepeace,	Malden,	Mar. 5, 1876	Birmingham, Eng.,	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18
	George Louis Richards,	Malden,	Dec. 14, 1868	Malden,	Manufacturer,	1916, '17, '18
22.	Harry C. Woodill,	Melrose,	June 16, 1872	Halifax, N. S.,	Salesman,	1915, '16, '17, '18
23.	Charles M. Austin,	Somerville,	May 2, 1884	Newport, Me.,	Salesman,	1918
	William Fleming,	Somerville,	Oct. 19, 1869	Saugus,	Printer,	1917, '18
	Charles L. Underhill,	Somerville,	July 20, 1867	Richmond, Va.,	Hardware,	1902, '3, '8, '9, '10, '11, '12, '13, '18
24.	Warren C. Daggett,	Somerville,	May 10, 1868	Boston,	Journalist,	1918
	William P. French,	Somerville,	Apr. 30, 1874	Sebec, Me.,	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18
	Arthur W. Robinson,	Somerville,	Aug. 11, 1882	Sandwich,	Insurance,	1918

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MIDDLESEX Co. — Con.						
No. 26.	William A. Kneeland,	Winchester, .	Aug. 9, 1864	Fredonia, N. Y.,	Lawyer,	1917, '18.
26.	Fred J. Burrell, .	Medford, .	Mar. 12, 1869	Medford, .	Advertising agent,	1917, '18.
27.	James Morrison,	Medford, .	Feb. 19, 1867	Ireland, .	Real estate and insurance,	1916, '17, '18.
28.	Jacob Bitser,	Arlington, .	Jan. 16, 1865	Warttemberg, Ger.,	Retired,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
29.	Jay R. Benton, .	Belmont, .	Oct. 18, 1865	Somerville, .	Lawyer,	1917, '18.
30.	Wesley E. Monk,	Watertown, .	Aug. 21, 1874	Stoughton, .	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
NANTUCKET COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Arthur W. Jones,	Nantucket, .	Jan. 11, 1873	Nantucket, .	Master mariner,	1918.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	John A. Hirsch, .	Dedham, .	July 9, 1861	South Dedham (now Norwood).	Merchant,	1916, '17, '18.
2.	George S. Baldwin,	Brookline, .	June 16, 1866	Boston, .	Stock broker,	1918.
3.	Charles F. Rowley,	Brookline, .	Aug. 3, 1862	Titusville, Pa.,	Lawyer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
4.	Russell T. Bates,	Quincy, .	Aug. 11, 1892	Quincy, .	Lawyer,	1917, '18.
5.	David S. McIntosh,	Quincy, .	Aug. 1, 1888	Quincy, .	Granite manufacturer,	1917, '18.
6.	Albert L. Whitman,	Quincy, .	Jan. 6, 1866	Boston, .	Merchant,	1916, '17, '18.
7.	Josiah Babcock, Jr.,	Milton, .	May 21, 1880	Milton, .	Hay and grain merchant,	1918.
8.	Burgess H. Spinney,	Weymouth, .	Feb. 9, 1889	Weymouth, .	Bond clerk,	1917, '18.
9.	Arthur W. Paine,	Holbrook, .	Nov. 21, 1864	Holbrook, .	Retired,	1917, '18.
10.	Timothy F. Quinn,	Sharon, .	Dec. 27, 1863	Boston, .	Contracting stevedore,	1892, '93, 1918.

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8.	.	.	.	Frank G. Allen, .	Norwood, .	Oct. 6, 1874	Lynn, .	Merchant, .	1918.
9.	.	.	.	William W. Ollendorff, .	Medway, .	Apr. 17, 1878	Mora, N. M., .	Treasurer and manager, .	1918.
10.	.	.	.	Clarence A. Crooks, .	Bellingham, .	Oct. 24, 1887	Bellingham, .	Farming and lumber, .	1918.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.									
No. 1.	.	.	.	Elmer L. Briggs, .	Plymouth, .	Feb. 22, 1890	Plymouth, .	Lawyer, .	1917, '18.
2.	.	.	.	Walter Haynes, .	Scituate, .	Dec. 21, 1876	Boston, .	Real estate, .	1917, '18.
3.	.	.	.	George S. Marsh, .	Hingham, .	Feb. 18, 1848	Hingham, .	Town officer, .	1917, '18.
4.	.	.	.	Edwin H. Gibson, .	Hanover, .	Oct. 22, 1876	Franklin, Ill., .	Minister, .	1917, '18.
5.	.	.	.	John T. Crowley, .	Abington, .	Nov. 15, 1872	Somerville, .	Salesman, .	1918, '17, '18.
6.	.	.	.	James F. Kiernan, .	Wareham, .	Feb. 1, 1894	Wareham, .	Lawyer, .	1917, '18.
7.	.	.	.	William M. Haskins, .	Middleborough, .	Apr. 13, 1863	Chillicothe, O., .	Real estate, .	1918, '17, '18.
8.	.	.	.	Eddy P. Dunbar, .	West Bridgewater, .	Apr. 3, 1860	West Bridgewater, .	Farmer, .	1917, '18.
9.	.	.	.	Walter T. Packard, .	Brockton, .	Sept. 24, 1870	Brockton, .	Farmer, .	1917, '18.
10.	.	.	.	William B. Baldwin, .	Brockton, .	Sept. 18, 1864	Fall River, .	Salesman, .	1916, '17, '18.
	.	.	.	Herbert A. Bartlett, .	Brockton, .	Jan. 18, 1875	Boston, .	Dentist, .	1918.
11.	.	.	.	Frank A. Manning, .	Brockton, .	June 25, 1889	Brockton, .	Shoe worker, .	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.									
No. 1.	.	.	.	Edward J. Cox, .	Boston, .	Aug. 21, 1882	Boston, .	Real estate and insurance, .	1917, '18.
	.	.	.	Edward I. Kelley, .	Boston, .	Feb. 23, 1885	Boston, .	Inspector, .	1916, '18.
2.	.	.	.	John B. Cashman, .	Boston, .	Nov. 14, 1887	Boston, .	Salesman, .	1918.

Disfranch.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	When in House.
Suffolk Co. — Con.						
No. 3.	Thomas H. Green, . .	Boston, . .	May 11, 1883	Boston, . .	Inspector, . .	1918.
	Michael J. McNamee, .	Boston, . .	Jan. 26, 1889	Boston, . .	Salesman, . .	1915, '16, '17, '18.
4.	John P. Mahoney, . .	Boston, . .	May 26, 1888	Cardiff, Wales, .	Stenographer, .	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Henry J. McLaughlin, .	Boston, . .	Dec. 9, 1876	Boston, . .	Clerk, . .	1914, '15, '17, '18.
5.	John L. Donovan, . .	Boston, . .	June 3, 1876	Boston, . .	Real estate, . .	1909, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
	Philip J. Feinberg, . .	Boston, . .	July 18, 1885	Providence, R. I.,	Lawyer, . .	1918.
	Edward A. Scigliano, .	Boston, . .	Nov. 8, 1879	Boston, . .	Insurance, . .	1918.
6.	John W. Craig, . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 2, 1890	Boston, . .	Liquor dealer, .	1916, '17, '18.
	Thomas F. Donovan, . .	Boston, . .	Sept. 26, 1890	Boston, . .	Life insurance, .	1916, '17, '18.
	James W. Hayes, . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 28, 1884	Boston, . .	Clerk, . .	1916, '17, '18.
7.	Channing H. Cox, . .	Boston, . .	Feb. 28, 1879	Manchester, N. H.,	Lawyer, . .	1910, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.
	Seth F. Arnold, . .	Boston, . .	Dec. 21, 1878	Westminster, Vt.,	Physician, . .	1910, '18.
	Joseph W. Wharton, . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 30, 1872	Colchester, Conn.,	Clerk, . .	1917, '18.
8.	Arthur E. Burr, ¹ . .	Boston, . .	July 23, 1870	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr.,	Boston, . .	Nov. 20, 1873	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1914, '15, '16, '17, '18.
9.	William J. Foley, . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 2, 1887	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	William J. Manning, . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 19, 1893	Boston, . .	Teamster, . .	1917, '18.
	William H. McDonnell, .	Boston, . .	Apr. 9, 1885	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1918.
10.	Charles S. O'Connor, .	Boston, . .	Mar. 1, 1879	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1917, '18.

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11.	Patrik M. Costello,	Boston.	Oct. 17, 1870	Kerry, Ire.,	Merchant,	1918.
	William J. Holland,	Boston.	Mar. 10, 1884	Boston.	Clerk.	1916, '17, '18.
12.	Daniel J. Gillen,	Boston.	Oct. 12, 1895	Boston.	Clerk.	1918.
	Thomas M. Joyce, ³	Boston.	Dec. 8, 1890	Boston.	Clerk.	1916, '17, '18.
13.	Frank J. Burke,	Boston.	Sept. 8, 1885	Boston.	Musician.	1917, '18.
	Timothy J. Driscoll,	Boston.	Apr. 6, 1893	Boston.	Machinist.	1918.
14.	William F. Dwyer,	Boston.	Jan. 26, 1892	Boston.	Salesman.	1918.
	Dennis F. Reardon,	Boston.	July 18, 1898	Boston.	Real estate and insurance.	1915, '17, '18.
15.	John P. Engert,	Boston.	Jan. 30, 1893	Boston.	Shoemaker.	1916, '17, '18.
	Stephen R. Mealey,	Boston.	Oct. 6, 1892	Boston.	Electrical construction.	1918.
16.	John Ballantyne,	Boston.	July 9, 1899	Ontario, Can.,	Lawyer.	1912, '13, '18.
	Simon Swig,	Boston.	May 15, 1865	Russia.	Banker.	1905, '6, '16, '17, '18.
17.	Joseph McGrath,	Boston.	Dec. 20, 1890	Boston.	Real estate broker.	1915, '16, '17, '18.
	Daniel C. Murphy,	Boston.	Dec. 14, 1887	Boston.	Clerk.	1917, '18.
18.	James J. Moyrihan,	Boston.	Sept. 28, 1878	Marlborough,	Lawyer.	1918.
	Charles A. Winchester,	Boston.	July 1, 1886	Boston.	Architect.	1917, '18.
19.	Harrison H. Atwood, ³	Boston.	Aug. 26, 1868	North Londonderry, Vt.	Architect.	1887, '88, '89, 1915, '17, '18.
	Thomas Leavitt, ⁴	Boston.	Aug. 28, 1872	Boston.	Editor and publisher.	1906, '17, '18.
	Jacob Wasserman,	Boston.	Oct. 15, 1884	Russia.	Lawyer.	1917, '18.
20.	David J. Maloney,	Chelsea.	Dec. 24, 1874	North Adams.	Lawyer.	1917, '18.
21.	Winthrop Magee,	Winthrop.	May 9, 1861	North Chelsea (now Winthrop).	Treasurer express company.	1917, '18.

¹ Resigned Mar. 8, 1918.

² Senate, 1912, '13.

³ Congress, 1895-97.

⁴ Senate, 1907.

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STUFFOLK Co. — Con.						
No. 22.	George W. P. Babb,	Boston.	Aug. 20, 1866	Boston.	Real estate and insurance.	1913, '16, '17, '18.
	Horace E. Dunkle,	Boston.	Nov. 19, 1877	Haddonfield, N. J.,	Insurance.	1917, '18.
	George Penshorn,	Boston.	June 6, 1867.	Germany.	Roofing contractor.	1917, '18.
23.	Lawrence F. Quigley,	Chelsea.	Sept. 15, 1893	Chelsea.	Clothing salesman.	1917, '18.
24.	Henry S. Clark,	Boston.	Jan. 5, 1858	St. John, N. B.,	Real estate and insurance.	1907, '17, '18.
	Samuel B. Finkel,	Boston.	June 5, 1888	Boston.	Lawyer.	1918.
	Robert B. Martin,	Boston.	Dec. 27, 1862	Dedham.	Provision dealer.	1916, '17, '18.
25.	Martin Hays, ¹	Boston.	Oct. 18, 1876	New York, N. Y.,	Lawyer.	1910, '12, '13, '14, '17,
26.	Francis B. McKinney,	Boston.	June 14, 1870	Boston.	Contractor.	1917, '18.
27.	Ralph N. Butterworth,	Revere.	June 22, 1877	Revere.	Lawyer.	1917, '18.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
No. 1.	William G. Lord,	Athol.	Sept. 7, 1871	Athol.	Real estate and insurance.	1917, '18.
2.	Charles H. Hartshorn,	Gardner.	Feb. 11, 1859	Gardner.	Reed chair manufacturer.	1916, '17, '18.
	J. Warren Moulton,	Rutland.	Apr. 30, 1867	Rutland.	Woolen manufacturer.	1913, '17, '18.
3.	Myron A. Young,	Spencer.	Nov. 13, 1852	Campello.	Bank president.	1917, '18.
4.	Warren E. Turbell,	Brookfield.	Apr. 18, 1860	Worcester.	Manager New England Brick Company.	1906, '16, '17, '18.
5.	Herman B. Cheney,	Southbridge.	Aug. 13, 1870	Southbridge.	Farmer.	1918.
6.	George J. Bruell,	Webster.	Nov. 1, 1866	Mt. Cenis, Can.,	Manufacturing confectioner.	1912, '17, '18.

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7.	William L. Johnson,	Uxbridge,	Oct. 28, 1886	Southborough,	Physician,	1917, '18.
8.	James R. Ferry,	Northbridge,	Oct. 4, 1889	North Uxbridge,	Superintendent,	1913, '17, '18.
9.	Charles W. Gould,	Milford,	May 8, 1891	Milford,	Lawyer,	1918.
10.	Francis Prescott,	Grafton,	Dec. 28, 1877	Newton,	Farmer,	1916, '18.
11.	Edwin S. Corey,	Northborough,	Dec. 31, 1891	Boston,	Market gardener,	1918.
12.	George A. Whitney,	Clinton,	Mar. 10, 1884	Pert, Vt.,	Caterer,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
13.	John C. Hull,	Leominster,	Nov. 1, 1870	Portland, Me.,	Lawyer,	1916, '17, '18.
14.	Edward H. Nutting,	Leominster,	July 6, 1869	Leominster,	Caterer and baker,	1913, '15, '16, '18.
15.	Henry E. Cowdrey,	Fitchburg,	Nov. 12, 1889	Worcester,	Manufacturer,	1917, '18.
16.	Frederic C. Nichols,	Fitchburg,	Dec. 27, 1873	Fitchburg,	Treasurer, savings bank,	1918.
17.	John G. Johnson,	Worcester,	May 23, 1864	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Real estate,	1916, '17, '18.
18.	Albert T. Wall,	Worcester,	Sept. 2, 1881	Sweden,	Student and law assistant,	1918.
19.	Michael F. Malone,	Worcester,	Nov. 25, 1879	Limerick, Ire.,	Salesman,	1915, '16, '17, '18.
20.	Charles A. Kelley,	Worcester,	Mar. 24, 1860	Worcester,	Building contractor,	1917, '18.
21.	Francis P. McKeon,	Worcester,	Oct. 9, 1884	Worcester,	Lawyer,	1918.
22.	Christian Nelson,	Worcester,	Jan. 27, 1865	Denmark,	Grocer,	1918.
23.	Clarence M. Hall,	Worcester,	Oct. 1, 1880	Worcester,	Proprietor, bakery,	1917, '18.
24.	Walter L. Mellen,	Worcester,	Jan. 10, 1868	Worcester,	Contractor and builder,	1917, '18.
25.	Henry E. Dean,	Worcester,	Sept. 29, 1862	Oakham,	Retired,	1907, '08, '09, '17, '18.
26.	Harry A. Cooke,	Worcester,	Aug. 8, 1875	Alstead, N. H.,	Foreman,	1918.

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OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	First Year in Office.
James W. Kimball, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Swampscott,	Dec. 17, 1858	Lynn,	1897
Frank E. Bridgman, <i>Assistant Clerk</i> ,	Boston,	March 28, 1869	Springfield,	1897
Thomas F. Pedrick, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> ,	Lynn,	Feb. 20, 1846	Marblehead,	1910
Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	Nov. 11, 1840	Augusta, Me.,	1879

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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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SPEAKER.

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business. (Senate Rule 1.)

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. (2.)

[With regard to appeals, see Rules 83 and 94.]

3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided. (53.)

[See Rules 65 to 69.]

4. In all cases he may vote. (3.)

5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting. (2.)

6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.

7. He may appoint a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding three days at one time. (4.)

[Amended Jan. 14, 1892.]

8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior member present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker *pro tempore* or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order. (5.)

MONITORS.

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the rules and, on request of the Speaker, to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

10. If a member transgress any of the rules after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[See Rule 19.]

CLERK.

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings, and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting, and shall cause the same to be printed daily. (6.)

[Amended Jan. 16, 1888.]

12. Every question of order with the decision thereon shall be entered at large in the journal, and shall be noted in an appendix, which shall also contain the rules of the House, and of the two branches. (6.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct. (7.)

[Amended Jan. 16, 1888.]

14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The Clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session. (8.)

MEMBERS.

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair; or stand at the Clerk's desk while a roll-call is in progress.

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

17. No member shall be absent more than two days, without leave of the House. No member shall absent himself from the House without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence. When it appears to the presiding officer that the presence of a quorum is endangered he shall order the doors to be closed until the House takes action thereon. (11.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

18. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

19. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the rules, he may be required by the House, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor; and, until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

COMMITTEES.

20. At the beginning of the political year, standing committees shall be appointed as follows: — (12.)

A committee on Rules;

(to consist of the Speaker, who shall be chairman of the committee, and ten other members).

A committee on Ways and Means;

A committee on the Judiciary;

(to consist of eleven members each).

A committee on Elections;

(to consist of seven members).

A committee on Bills in the Third Reading;

A committee on Engrossed Bills;

A committee on Pay Roll;

(to consist of three members each).

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 2, 1896; Jan. 11, 1897; Jan. 10, 1898; Jan. 7, 1901.]

21. Unless other provision is made in any case all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman. (13.)

22. In case of the election of a committee by ballot, the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman. (13.)

23. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, or chairman of more than one.

24. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest. (10.)

25. The committee on Ways and Means shall report, in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert, and shall state in its report the total amount of appropriations in the accompanying bill; and also at the end of each item in said bill the amount, if any, appropriated the previous year for the same purpose.

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 2, 1896.]

26. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the purpose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes: *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect, or any material change in construction, shall be reported to the House as an amendment. When a bill or a resolve referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading contains a provision for its reference, in whole or in part, to the people in accordance with Article XLII. of the Amendments of the Constitution, the committee shall plainly indicate such proposed reference on the outside of the bill or the resolve or on a wrapper or label attached hereto. (33.)

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880; Feb. 25, 1914.]

27. The committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly

engrossed, when found to be so, without delay. When an engrossed bill or resolve contains a provision for its reference, in whole or in part, to the people in accordance with Article XLII. of the Amendments of the Constitution, the committee on Engrossed Bills shall certify to that fact on the envelope thereof. (34.)

[Amended Feb. 25, 1914.]

28. All resolutions, bills and resolves for introduction on leave, intended for presentation by any member of the House, and all reports of State officers, shall first be deposited with the Clerk, and prior to their presentation shall be submitted by him to the Speaker for his examination; and not later than the fourth legislative day succeeding the day of their deposit with the Clerk, the Speaker shall, before the Orders of the Day are considered, present the same to the House, when they, in the case of resolutions, bills and resolves, shall be read, and shall by the Speaker with the consent of the House be referred to the appropriate committee; and all such resolutions, bills and resolves shall be printed under the direction of the Clerk. They shall retain their original provided numbers when reprinted, together with new numbers thereafter, during all subsequent stages. All petitions asking for legislation shall, if accompanied by a bill or resolve embodying the subject-matter prayed for, be referred with such bill or resolve as provided above. The same disposition shall be made of petitions and remonstrances referring to matters previously sent to a committee. Petitions not so accompanied shall be retained in the custody of the Clerk until a bill or resolve embodying the legislation prayed for shall be filed with him, when he shall present the same to the Speaker, to be disposed of as provided above. The House may at any time by order make any other disposition of petitions and remonstrances in the hands of the Clerk. (20.)

[Adopted Jan. 13, 1893; amended Jan. 11, 1894; March 30, 1894; March 14, 1899.]

29. Any petition remaining in the hands of the Clerk subsequent to five o'clock in the afternoon on the second Saturday of the session, for the reason that no bill or resolve embodying the legislation prayed for has been presented, shall be forthwith submitted by him to the Speaker, and by him, at the legislative session next succeeding, be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded or revoked or suspended except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present and voting thereon. (22.)

[Adopted Jan. 13, 1893; amended Jan. 11, 1894; Jan. 10, 1898; Feb. 21, 1905; Feb. 1, 1910.]

30. When the object of an application can be secured without a special act under existing laws, or without detriment to the public interests, by a general law, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report such general law, or leave to withdraw, or ought not to pass, as the case may be. (16.)

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880; Jan. 13, 1893.]

31. No legislation affecting the rights of individuals or the rights of a private or municipal corporation, otherwise than as

it affects generally the people of the whole Commonwealth or the people of the city or town to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced except upon a petition; nor shall any bill or resolve embodying such legislation be reported by a committee except upon a petition duly referred; nor shall such a bill or resolve be reported by a committee, whether on an original reference or on a recommittal with instructions to hear the parties, until it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that proper notice of the proposed legislation has been given, by public advertisement or otherwise, to all parties interested, without expense to the Commonwealth, or until evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. A committee reporting leave to withdraw or reference to the next General Court, for want of proper notice or of a waiver thereof, shall set forth this fact in its report, and no bill or resolve shall be in order as a substitute for or amendment of such report. Objection to the violation of this rule may be taken at any stage prior to that of the third reading. (15.)

[Adopted Feb. 11, 1890; amended Jan. 13, 1893.]

32. A petition for the incorporation of a town or city, or for the division of an existing town or city, or for the incorporation of a railroad, street railway, elevated railroad or canal company, or for the amendment, alteration, or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges of any such company, either specially incorporated or organized under general laws, or for authority to take water for a water supply, or relative to building structures over navigable or tide waters, shall be referred to the next General Court, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice required by chapter 3 of the Revised Laws or by other provisions of law; a petition for the incorporation of a college or university or other educational institution, with power to grant degrees, or for an amendment of the charter of an existing educational institution so that the said institution not having such power shall thereafter have power to grant degrees, shall also be referred to the next General Court, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice required by chapter 3 of the Revised Laws; but if, no objection being raised, any such petition is referred to a committee without such required notice, the committee shall forthwith report reference to the next General Court, setting forth as the reason for such report failure to give the required notice, unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. In case a bill or resolve is reported by a committee upon such a petition, after proof of such waiver of notice, this fact shall be set forth in the report of the committee. When a report of reference to the next General Court is made by a committee, on account of failure to give the required notice, no bill or resolve shall be substituted for such report, nor shall such report be recommitted or referred to another committee; but reference of the petition to the next General Court for want of proper notice under this rule shall

not affect action upon any other measure involving the same subject-matter. (25.)

[Adopted Feb. 11, 1890; amended Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 18, 1898; Feb. 6, 1902.]

33. On or before the second Wednesday in March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day.

[Amended Feb. 15, 1883; Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 25, 1894.]

Committee of the Whole.

34. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

35. The rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order and be decided without debate.

REGULAR COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS.

Petitions, etc., and Reports of Committees.

36. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call for such papers.

37. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall endorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper; and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered. (18.)

Papers from the Senate.

38. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these rules as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.

39. Papers addressed to the House, or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be read, unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

Motions contemplating Legislation, etc.

40. All motions contemplating legislation shall be founded upon petition or upon bill or resolve proposed to be introduced on leave.

The committee on Ways and Means may originate and report appropriation bills based upon existing law. Messages from the Governor shall, unless otherwise ordered, be referred to the appropriate committee, which may report by bill or otherwise thereon. A similar disposition shall, unless otherwise

ordered, be made of reports by State officers and recess committees authorized to report to the Legislature, and similar action may be had thereon. (19.)

[Amended Jan. 13, 1893; Jan. 2, 1896.]

Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.

41. The consideration of an order proposed for adoption, except as provided in joint rule twenty-eight or House rule one hundred and four, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, or any motion to suspend joint rules eight or thirteen, or House rules thirty-one, forty-five or forty-six, shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request or motion made, if any member asks such postponement. (24.)

[Amended June 13, 1890; Jan. 13, 1893; March 14, 1899.]

Bills and Resolves. [See Rule 95.]

42. Bills shall be printed or written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections, dates and numbers being written in words at length. Bills amending existing laws shall not provide for striking words from, or inserting words in, such laws, unless such course is best calculated to show clearly the subject and nature of the amendment. No repealed law, and no part of any repealed law, shall be re-enacted by reference merely. (17.)

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880; Feb. 2, 1891.]

43. If a committee to whom a bill is referred report that the same ought not to pass, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If the question on rejection is negatived, the bill, if it has been read but once, shall go to a second reading without question; otherwise it shall be placed in the Orders for the next day, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, or engrossment, as the case may be. (30.)

[Amended Jan. 10, 1883.]

44. Bills involving an expenditure of public money, or grant of public property, unless the subject-matter has been acted upon by the joint committee on Ways and Means, shall, after their first reading, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth. New provisions shall not be added to such bills by the committee on Ways and Means, unless directly connected with the financial features thereof. Bills involving an expenditure of county money shall, after their first reading, be referred to the committee on Counties on the part of the House, for report on their relation to the finances of the county affected, unless the subject-matter thereof has been previously acted upon by the joint committee on Counties; and no new provisions shall be added to such bills by the committee on Counties on the part of the House unless directly connected with the financial features thereof. (27.)

[Amended Jan. 24, 1887; Feb. 11, 1890; Jan. 25, 1895; Jan. 29, 1895; Jan. 2, 1896; Jan. 27, 1896; Jan. 10, 1898.]

45. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee. (26.)

46. Amendments proposed by the Senate and sent back to the House for concurrence shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches; in which case such amendments shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next day. (36.)

[Amended April 9, 1878.]

47. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee: *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill; but, when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave; and, if leave is granted, it shall be committed before it is ordered to a second reading. (23.)

48. Bills, resolves and other papers that have been, or, under the rules or usage of the House, are to be printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested. (29.)

[Adopted Jan. 10, 1883.]

49. When a bill, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance has been finally rejected by the House, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session. (54.)

[Amended April 26, 1877; Feb. 11, 1890.]

50. Bills in their third reading shall be referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading for examination, correction and report. Resolutions received from and adopted by the Senate, or reported in the House, shall, after they are read and before they are adopted, be referred in like manner to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. When a bill or resolution has been so referred, such bill or resolution shall not be acted upon until report thereon has been made by the committee. (33.)

[Amended Jan. 10, 1898.]

[See Rule 26.]

51. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days. (28.)

52. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison and report. (34.)

[See Rule 27.]

53. No engrossed bill shall be amended, except by striking out the enacting clause. (34.) (49.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

54. Engrossed bills, reported by the committee on Engrossed Bills, to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage without further reading, unless specially ordered. (34.)

55. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day.

56. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a committee of the House, bills favorably reported to the House by committees, and bills the question of the rejection of which is negatived, shall be placed in the Orders for the next day, and, if they have been read but once, shall go to a second reading without question. Resolutions received from and adopted by the Senate, or reported in the House by committees, shall, after they are read, be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next day. (26.)

[Amended Jan. 10, 1883; Feb. 5, 1886; Jan. 10, 1898.]

57. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the Orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be: *provided*, that the report of a committee asking to be discharged from the further consideration of a subject, and recommending that it be referred to another committee, shall be immediately considered and shall not be subject to the provisions of rule fifteen. (36.)

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880; Feb. 2, 1891.]

58. Bills ordered to a third reading shall be placed in the Orders of the next day for such reading. (32.) (33.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 10, 1898.]

59. After entering upon the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course as follows: Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order and disposed of. (37.)

60. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which had not been acted upon shall be the Orders of the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under rules fifty-six, fifty-seven and fifty-eight. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment shall have the preference in the Orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider. (35.)

[Amended Jan. 13, 1893.]

Special Rules affecting the Course of Proceedings.

[For postponement of Order, etc., to the next day, on request of a member, see Rule 41.]

61. No matter which has been duly placed in the Orders of the Day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course. This rule shall not be rescinded or revoked or suspended except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present and voting thereon. (38.)

[Amended Jan. 10, 1895.]

62. If, under the operation of the previous question, or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the ques-

tion shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the Orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the Orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made. (31.)

VOTING.

63. No member shall vote upon any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest. (10.)

64. Members desiring to be excused from voting shall make application to that effect before the division of the House or the taking of the yeas and nays is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it, but shall be decided without debate, and shall not be subject to the provisions of rule sixty-eight. (57.)

[Amended Jan. 8, 1877; Feb. 5, 1886; Jan. 13, 1893.]

65. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound. (55.)

66. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question. (55.)

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

67. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted. If upon the taking of such a vote the presence of a quorum is doubted, a count of the House shall be had, and if a quorum is present the vote shall stand.

[Amended Feb. 11, 1889.]

68. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays whenever required by thirty of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor before the vote is declared. If, before the question is taken, a member states to the House that he has paired with another member who is absent with a committee by authority of the House, and how each would vote upon the pending question, the fact shall be entered on the journal immediately after the record of the yeas and nays, and such member shall be excused from voting, but shall be included with the members voting for the purposes of a quorum. (56.) (57.)

[Amended Jan. 4, 1878; April 2, 1878; April 1, 1879; Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 10, 1895; Jan. 21, 1909; Jan. 18, 1910.]

69. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under rules sixty-five, sixty-six and sixty-seven shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place, and, if then ordered, the proceedings under rules sixty-six and sixty-seven shall be omitted. (52.)

[Amended Jan. 13, 1893.]

Reconsideration.

70. No motion to reconsider a vote shall be entertained unless it is made on the same day on which the vote was passed, or before the Orders of the Day have been taken up on the next day thereafter on which a quorum is present. If reconsideration is moved on the same day, the motion shall (except during the last week of the session) be placed first in the Orders of the Day for the succeeding day; but, if it is moved on the succeeding day, the motion shall be considered forthwith: *provided, however*, that this rule shall not prevent the reconsideration of a vote on a subsidiary, incidental or dependent question at any time when the main question to which it relates is under consideration; and *provided, further*, that a motion to reconsider a vote on any subsidiary, incidental or dependent question shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made. (53.)

[Amended June 13, 1890; Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 7, 1902.]

71. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions: —

to adjourn,
to lay on the table,
to take from the table; or,
for the previous question. (53.)

72. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes; but on a motion to reconsider a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten minutes, and no member shall occupy more than three minutes.

[Amended Feb. 5, 1886; June 13, 1890.]

[For rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, etc., until the right of reconsideration has expired, see Rule 15.]

RULES OF DEBATE.

73. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker; shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker. (39.)

74. When two or more members rise at the same time the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not. (40.)

75. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order. (42.)

76. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question. (41.)

Motions.

77. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs. (44.)

78. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made. (44.)

Limit of Debate.

79. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order, and shall be decided without debate; and on the motions to lay on the table, to take from the table, for the previous question, to close debate at a specified time, to postpone to a time certain, to commit or recommit, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. (52.)

[Amended Feb. 19, 1878; Jan. 26, 1880; Feb. 2, 1891; March 14, 1899.]

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 64.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 69.]

[For questions of order, arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 83.]

80. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence either by express rule of the House, or because it is privileged in its nature; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except, —

to lay on the table,

See Rule 79.

for the previous question,

See Rules 79, 81–86.

to close the debate at a specified time,

See Rules 79, 85, 86.

to postpone to a time certain,

See Rules 79 and 87.

to commit (or recommit),

See Rules 79 and 88.

to amend,

See Rules 89–92.

to refer to the next General Court,

which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule. (46.)

[Amended Jan. 14, 1892.]

Previous Question.

81. The previous question shall be put in the following form: “*Shall the main question be now put?*” — and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

82. On the previous question debate shall be allowed only to give reasons why the main question should not be put.

[Amended March 14, 1899.]

83. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate,

excepting on appeal; and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 94.]

84. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate except as provided in rule eighty-six, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

[Amended Jan. 14, 1892; Jan. 13, 1893.]

Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.

85. Debate may be closed at any time not less than thirty minutes from the adoption of a motion to that effect. In case the time is extended by unanimous consent, the same rule shall apply at the end of the extended time as at the time originally fixed. (47.)

[Amended Jan. 8, 1877; Jan. 15, 1880; March 14, 1899.]

[See the next rule.]

When Debate is closed, Ten Minutes allowed, etc.

86. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time. When the measure under consideration has been referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under House rule forty-four, the member originally reporting it shall be considered in charge, except where the report of the committee on Ways and Means is substantially different from that referred to them, in which case the member originally reporting the measure, and the member of the committee on Ways and Means reporting thereon, shall each be allowed to speak five minutes, the latter to have the close. When the member entitled to speak under this rule is absent, the member standing first in order upon the committee reporting the measure, who is present and joined in the report, shall have the right to occupy such time.

[Amended March 28, 1877; Feb. 11, 1890; Jan. 13, 1893; Jan. 2, 1896.]

Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain.

87. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit. (51.)

Motion to Commit.

88. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order: —

- a standing committee of the House,
- a select committee of the House,

a joint standing committee,
 a joint select committee;
 and a subject may be recommitted to the same committee or to another committee at the pleasure of the House. (48.)

Motions to Amend.

89. A motion to amend an amendment may be received; but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

90. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. (50.)

91. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it. (45.)

92. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first. (51.)

Enacting Clause.

93. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall only be received when the bill is before the House for enactment.

[Amended June 13, 1890.]

APPEAL.

94. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained unless it is seconded; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 83.]

RESOLVES.

95. Such of these rules as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such; except in rule fifty-four the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

[Amended Jan. 13, 1893.]

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

96. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto, except in the cases provided for in rule eight. (58.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

SECRET SESSION.

97. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

98. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairman of the committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The senior member of the House, and the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member, shall be allowed to select their seats from those not otherwise assigned, before the drawing of seats by the members.

[Amended Jan. 7, 1878.]

(3.) The seat numbered 30, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary; that numbered 6, in the third division, to the use of the member first named by the Speaker on the committee on Rules; and that numbered 13, in the fourth division, to the use of the Chairman of the committee on Ways and Means.

[Amended Jan. 7, 1878; Jan. 6, 1882; Jan. 7, 1895; Jan. 2, 1896; Jan. 11, 1897; Jan. 10, 1898; Jan. 4, 1907.]

(4.) The following seats shall be assigned to the use of the monitors:—

Those numbered 86 and 78, in the first division;
 77 and 72, in the second division;
 71 and 66, in the third division;
 65 and 57, in the fourth division.

[Amended Jan. 6, 1882; Jan. 7, 1895.]

(5.) The first business in order, after the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of the members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees hereinbefore mentioned, and the monitors; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House, under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within five days from the day of the drawing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

99. The following persons shall be entitled to admission to the floor of the House, during the session thereof, to occupy seats not numbered:—

(1.) The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Executive Council, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General, Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

(2.) The members of the Senate.

(3.) Persons in the exercise of an official duty directly connected with the business of the House.

(4.) The legislative reporters entitled to the privileges of the reporters' gallery. (59.)

(5.) Contestants for seats in the House, whose papers are in the hands of the committee on Elections, may be admitted, while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

No other person shall be admitted to the floor during the session except upon the permission of the Speaker. (60.) (61.)

[Adopted Jan. 10, 1890; amended Jan. 25, 1894; March 14, 1899; Feb. 25, 1914.]

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER AND ADJOINING ROOMS.

100. Use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present and voting thereon.

No person shall be admitted to the members' corridor and adjoining rooms, except persons entitled to the privilege of the floor of the House, unless upon written invitation, bearing the name of the person it is desired to invite and the name of the member extending the invitation, which invitation shall be surrendered upon the person entering the corridor. No legislative agent or counsel shall be admitted to said corridor and adjoining rooms.

No smoking shall be allowed in the writing room of the House or in the ladies' parlor.

No person shall be admitted to the north gallery of the House except upon a card of a member; and no person shall be so admitted except ladies, or gentlemen accompanied by ladies.

Subject to the approval and direction of the committee on Rules during the session and of the Speaker after prorogation, the use of the reporters' gallery of the House Chamber shall be under the control of the organization of legislative reporters known as the Massachusetts State House Press Association.

Every legislative reporter desiring admission to the House press gallery shall state in writing that he is not the agent or representative of any person or corporation interested in legislation before the General Court, and will not act as representative of any such person or corporation while he retains his place in the gallery; but nothing herein contained shall prevent such legislative reporter from engaging in other employment, provided such other employment is specifically approved by the committee on Rules and reported to the House. (59.)

[Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 5, 1895; Feb. 6, 1900; Jan. 26, 1911; Jan. 27, 1914.]

PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

101. The rules of parliamentary practice shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the two branches. (62.)

DEBATE ON MOTIONS FOR THE SUSPENSION OF RULES.

102. Debate upon a motion for the suspension of any of the joint rules or House rules shall be limited to fifteen minutes, and no member shall occupy more than three minutes.

[Amended Feb. 11, 1889; June 13, 1890; Feb. 2, 1891.]

SUSPENSION, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL.

103. Nothing in these rules shall be dispensed with, altered or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule, and rules forty-one, forty-nine, fifty, sixty-two, seventy, ninety-nine and one hundred, shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present. (63.)

[Amended Jan. 10, 1890; June 13, 1890; Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 13, 1893.]

104. All motions to suspend the ninth or twelfth joint rule, or House rule thirty-two, all questions on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of either of said joint rules, all motions or orders authorizing committees of the House to travel or to employ stenographers, all propositions involving special investigations by committees of the House, and all motions or orders providing that information be transmitted to the House, shall be referred without debate to the committee on Rules, who, within fourteen days after such reference, shall report thereon, recommending what action should be taken. On all questions on the suspension of the ninth joint rule, or House rule thirty-two, the committee shall report adversely, unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that the petitioners have previously given notice, by public advertisement or otherwise, equivalent to that required by chapter 3 of the Revised Laws. (13A.)

[Adopted Jan. 10, 1898; amended March 14, 1899; Jan. 22, 1904; Feb. 21, 1905; Jan. 28, 1913.]

QUORUM.

105. One hundred and twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum for the organization of the House and the transaction of business.

[Adopted Feb. 8, 1892.]

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES

OF THE

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1. Joint standing committees shall be appointed at the beginning of the political year as follows: —

- A committee on Administration and Commissions;
- A committee on Agriculture;
- A committee on Banks and Banking;
- A committee on Constitutional Amendments;

A committee on Counties;
 A committee on Education;
 A committee on Election Laws;
 A committee on Federal Relations;
 A committee on Fisheries and Game;
 A committee on Harbors and Public Lands;
 A committee on Labor;
 A committee on Military Affairs;
 A committee on Municipal Finance;
 A committee on Public Health;
 A committee on Public Service;
 A committee on Roads and Bridges;
 A committee on Social Welfare;
 A committee on State House and Libraries;
 A committee on Towns;
 A committee on Water Supply;

Each to consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House;

A committee on Cities;
 A committee on Insurance;
 A committee on Legal Affairs;
 A committee on Mercantile Affairs;
 A committee on Metropolitan Affairs;
 A committee on Public Institutions;
 A committee on Public Lighting;
 A committee on Railroads;
 A committee on Street Railways;
 A committee on Taxation;

Each to consist of four members on the part of the Senate, and eleven on the part of the House.

Matters referred by either the Senate or the House to its committee on the Judiciary, on Ways and Means, or on Rules, shall be considered by the respective committees of the two branches, acting as joint committees, when, in the judgment of the chairmen of the respective committees of the two branches, the interests of legislation or the expedition of business will be better served by such joint consideration. Matters may also be referred respectively to the committees on the Judiciary, on Ways and Means, and on Rules, of the two branches, as joint committees.

The committees on Rules, together with the presiding officers of the two branches, acting as a joint committee, may consider and suggest such measures as shall, in their judgment, tend to facilitate the business of the session. [Amended Jan. 6, 1882; Jan. 5, 1883; Jan. 7, 1884; Jan. 8, 1885; Jan. 26, 1885; Jan. 8, 1886; Jan. 12, 1887; Jan. 9, 1888; Jan. 28, 1889; Jan. 8, 1890; Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 11, 1892; Feb. 10, 1892; Feb. 7, 1893; Jan. 8, 1894; Jan. 7, 1895; Jan. 7, 1896; Jan. 11, 1897; Jan. 10, 1898; Jan. 9, 1899; Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 1901; Jan. 6, 1902; Jan. 9, 1903; Jan. 8, 1904; Jan. 6, 1905; Jan. 4, 1907; Jan. 5, 1910; Jan. 4, 1911; Jan. 1, 1913; and Jan. 12, 1914.]

2. No member of either branch shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the Legislature.

3. No committee of the Senate or the House shall travel unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the members of its branch present and voting. No joint committee shall travel unless authorized by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch present and voting. No committee shall travel except at the expense of the Commonwealth. In any case when a committee is authorized to travel, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall provide transportation only for members of the committee and the officer accompanying them, and the reasonable travelling expenses of such members and officers only shall be charged to or paid by the Commonwealth. Neither the Sergeant-at-Arms nor the officer detailed by him shall permit any person to accompany such committee while in the discharge of its official duties unless invited by vote of the committee.

All bills for the travelling expenses of committees shall, in such form and detail as may be prescribed by the Auditor of the Commonwealth, be submitted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the committee by whom they have been incurred; and such bills, before they are presented to the Auditor of the Commonwealth, shall first be approved by a majority of the committee incurring them. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall procure from the Auditor and shall, on the first Monday in each month, transmit to the General Court in print a statement of all such bills which have been presented to the Auditor during the preceding month. [Adopted Feb. 7, 1890. Amended Feb. 2, 1891, and Jan. 20, 1904.]

4. Joint committees may report by bill, resolve, or otherwise, to either branch, at their discretion, having reference to an equal distribution of business between the two branches, except that money bills shall be reported to the House; and except that when a report is made from any committee to either branch, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a joint committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made [See also next rule.]

5. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the branch first acting thereon, and bills or resolves may be recommitted in either branch, but no such recommitment shall be made after the fourth Wednesday in March. A concurrent vote shall, however, be necessary for the recommitment of such reports, bills, or resolves, with instructions. After recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch originating the recommitment. [Amended Feb. 2, 1891.]

6. Bills and resolves reported by joint committees shall be printed or fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, and on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins, and with spaces between the several sections. Dates and numbers shall be printed or written in words at length. [Amended Jan. 28, 1889.]

7. Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation or other legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured without detriment to the public interests

by a general law or under existing laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report such general law, or "leave to withdraw," or "ought not to pass." [Amended Feb. 2, 1891, and Feb. 7, 1893.]

7A. A committee to which is referred a petition for legislation to authorize a city or town to reinstate in its service a person formerly employed by it shall report thereon leave to withdraw unless the person seeking to be reinstated has first petitioned the local police, district or municipal court for a review, as provided by law. [Adopted April 29, 1915.]

Notice to Parties Interested.

8. No legislation affecting the rights of individuals or the rights of a private or municipal corporation, otherwise than as it affects generally the people of the whole Commonwealth or the people of the city or town to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced except by a petition, nor shall any bill or resolve embodying such legislation be reported by a committee except upon a petition duly referred, nor shall such a bill or resolve be reported by a committee, whether on an original reference or on a recommitment with instructions to hear the parties, until it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that proper notice of the proposed legislation has been given by public advertisement or otherwise to all parties interested, without expense to the Commonwealth, or until evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. A committee reporting leave to withdraw or reference to the next General Court for want of proper notice or of a waiver thereof shall set forth this fact in its report, and no bill or resolve shall be in order as a substitute for, or amendment of, such report. Objection to the violation of this rule may be taken at any stage prior to that of the third reading. [Adopted Feb. 7, 1890.]

9. A petition for the incorporation of a town or city, or for the division of an existing town or city, or for the incorporation of a railroad, street railway, elevated railroad or canal company, or for the amendment, alteration or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges of any such company, either specially incorporated or organized under general laws, or for authority to take water for a water supply, or relative to building structures over navigable or tide waters, shall be referred to the next General Court, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice required by chapter 3 of the Revised Laws, or by other provisions of law. A petition for the incorporation of a college or university or other educational institution, with power to grant degrees, or for an amendment of the charter of an existing educational institution so that the said institution, not having such power, shall thereafter have power to grant degrees, shall also be referred to the next General Court, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice required by chapter 3 of the Revised Laws. But if, no objection being raised, any such petition is referred to a committee without such

required notice, the committee shall forthwith report reference to the next General Court, setting forth as the reason for such report failure to give the required notice, unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. In case a bill or resolve is reported by a committee upon such a petition, after proof of such waiver of notice, this fact shall be set forth in the report of the committee. When a report of reference to the next General Court is made by a committee on account of failure to give the required notice, no bill or resolve shall be substituted for such report, nor shall such report be recommitted or referred to another committee; but reference of the petition to the next General Court for want of proper notice under this rule shall not affect action upon any other measure involving the same subject-matter. [Adopted Feb. 7, 1890. Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 3, 1898; and Jan. 16, 1903.]

Limit of Time Allowed for Reports of Committees.

10. Joint committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the second Wednesday in March; but, except as provided in Rule No. 30, the time within which they are required to report upon such matters may be extended, by concurrent vote, until a day not later than the second Wednesday in April. When the time within which such joint committees are required to report has expired, all matters upon which no report has then been made shall, within three legislative days thereafter, be reported by the chairman of the committee on the part of the branch in which they were respectively introduced, with a recommendation of reference to the next General Court under this rule. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each branch present and voting thereon. [Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Jan. 25, 1894; Jan. 16, 1903; and Jan. 20, 1904.]

Committees of Conference.

11. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each branch, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected, but no other action shall be had, except through a new committee of conference.

Limit of Time Allowed for New Business.

12. Resolutions, and petitions, memorials, bills and resolves introduced on leave, and all other subjects of legislation, except reports required or authorized to be made to the Legislature, deposited with the Clerk of either branch subsequently to five o'clock in the afternoon on the second Saturday of the session, shall, when presented, be referred to the next General Court; but this rule shall not apply to petitions in aid of, and remonstrances against, legislation already introduced and pending; nor shall it apply to

a petition offered in place of a former one having in view the same object, upon which, before reference to a committee, leave to withdraw was given because the same was not in proper form, provided that such subsequent petition is deposited with the Clerk of either branch within one week from the day on which leave to withdraw was given; nor shall it apply to a bill or resolve introduced on leave or to a resolution presented subsequently to five o'clock in the afternoon on the second Saturday of the session, when such bill, resolve or resolution is based upon the report of a joint committee which has been made in compliance with instructions to report facts or to investigate, provided the said bill, resolve or resolution is introduced within one week after the committee's report is submitted. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each branch present and voting thereon: *provided, however*, that, except by unanimous consent, it shall not be suspended with reference to a petition for legislation when such petition is not accompanied by a bill or a resolve embodying the legislation requested. [Amended Feb. 7, 1890; Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 7, 1893; Jan. 10, 1898; Jan. 9, 1899; Feb. 15, 1901; May 4, 1904; Jan. 31, 1910; and Feb. 2, 1917.]

Requests for Legislation to be Deposited with the Clerks.

13. Petitions and memorials, accompanied by bills or resolves embodying the subject-matter prayed for, bills and resolves for introduction on leave, and all other subjects of legislation, and all resolutions and orders of inquiry, intended for presentation to the General Court by any member, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the branch to which such member belongs, and shall be laid before such branch not later than at the session of the fourth legislative day succeeding the day on which the same have been so deposited. [Adopted Feb. 7, 1890. Amended Feb. 2, 1891; Feb. 7, 1893; and Jan. 25, 1894.]

Dockets of Legislative Counsel and Agents.

14. The joint committee on Rules shall have authority to prescribe the manner and form of keeping the dockets of legislative counsel and agents which are required by law. [Adopted Feb. 2, 1891.]

Duties of the Clerks.

15. If any part of the report of a committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall endorse upon the report such amendment.

16. All papers, while on their passage between the two branches, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each branch may direct.

17. After bills and resolves have passed both branches to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two branches, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of

the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills. [Amended Feb. 24, 1914.]

18. If any petition, memorial, bill, resolve or order, presented or originating in one branch, is adversely acted upon in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

19. The Clerk of the branch in which a bill or a resolve originated shall make an endorsement on the envelope of the engrossed copy thereof, certifying in which branch the same originated, which endorsement shall be entered on the journals by the Clerks respectively. [Amended Jan. 28, 1889; Feb. 24, 1914.]

20. Bills, resolves and other papers requiring the approval of the Governor shall be laid before him for his approbation by the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter upon the journal of the Senate the day on which the same were so laid before the Governor. [Amended Jan. 28, 1889.]

Constitutional Amendments.

21. All resolves proposing amendments to the Constitution shall have three several readings in each branch, and the question upon agreeing to an amendment to the Constitution shall be taken by yeas and nays. [Amended Jan. 28, 1889.]

Referendum Measures.

22. Every bill or resolve which, in whole or in part, is to be referred to the people for their rejection or approval, in accordance with the provisions of Article XLII. of the Amendments of the Constitution, shall contain a provision for such reference, which provision shall be in the form of a separate section in the case of a bill, and in the form of a separate resolve clause in the case of a resolve. The ye and nay vote required by the said Article of Amendment shall be taken coincidentally with the vote on the final passage of the bill or the resolve in each branch, and the question shall be on passing the bill to be enacted (or on passing the resolve) and on referring to the people for their rejection or approval the bill, the resolve, or the part of such bill or resolve to be so referred; and this question shall be indivisible. When such vote is affirmative there shall be endorsed on the bill or on the resolve, in addition to the customary endorsement, a statement that the bill, or the resolve, or the specified part of the bill or the resolve, is referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls. [Adopted Feb. 24, 1914.]

Printing and Distribution of Documents.

23. The joint committee on Rules may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the Legislature not otherwise disposed of, and such regulations

shall be reported to and be subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be nine hundred.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either branch, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's office; six copies to the State Library; one copy to each Public Library in the Commonwealth, which shall make due application therefor to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and shall make proper provision for the transmission and preservation thereof; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said joint committee. [Amended Jan. 8, 1886; Jan. 28, 1889; and Jan. 27, 1911.]

Joint Conventions.

24. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches, and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Convention, and a record of the proceedings of the Convention shall be entered at large on the journals of both branches.

25. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

26. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

Joint Elections.

27. In all elections by joint ballot a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

Recess Committees.

28. No standing or special committee of the Senate or House of Representatives and no joint committee shall sit during the recess of the General Court unless authorized so to do by concurrent votes of the two branches. [Adopted Feb. 24, 1914.]

Joint Committee on Rules.

29. All motions or orders authorizing joint committees to travel or to employ stenographers, all propositions involving special investigations by joint committees and all motions or

orders proposed for joint adoption which provide that information be transmitted to the General Court shall be referred without debate to the joint committee on Rules, who, within fourteen days after such reference, shall report thereon, recommending what action should be taken. [Adopted Jan. 10, 1898. Amended Jan. 20, 1904; and Jan. 28, 1913.]

30. All motions or orders extending the time within which joint committees are required to report shall be referred without debate to the joint committee on Rules, who shall report recommending what action should be taken thereon. No such extension beyond the second Wednesday in April shall be granted, against the recommendation of the joint committee on Rules, except by a four-fifths vote of the members of each branch present and voting thereon. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each branch present and voting thereon. [Adopted Jan. 16, 1903. Amended Feb. 6, 1912.]

Members.

31. A member of either branch who directly or indirectly solicits for himself or others any position or office within the gift or control of a railroad corporation, street railway company, gas or electric light company, telegraph or telephone company, aqueduct or water company, or other public service corporation, shall be subject to suspension therefor, or to such other penalty as the branch of which he is a member may see fit to impose. [Adopted May 22, 1902.]

Accommodations for Reporters.

32. Subject to the approval and direction of the joint committee on Rules during the session and of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House after prorogation, the use of the rooms and facilities assigned to reporters in the State House shall be under the control of the organization of legislative reporters known as the Massachusetts State House Press Association. No person shall be permitted to use such rooms or facilities who is not entitled to the privileges of the reporters' gallery of the Senate or of the House. [Adopted Jan. 27, 1911. Amended Feb. 24, 1914.]

Suspension of Rules.

33. Any joint rule except the tenth, twelfth and thirtieth may be altered, suspended or rescinded by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch present and voting thereon. [Amended Feb. 7, 1893. Adopted in revised form Jan. 9, 1899. Amended Jan. 16, 1903.]

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, (repeating your name) , do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name) , do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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Resolve (reported) authorising additional expenditures for the maintenance of the, 668, 725; rejected, 744.

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Petition of Thomas Weston, Jr., that cities and towns pay employees who enter active service with the, or other unit of the organized military forces, 29; report (S. leave to withdraw), 332; accepted, 345.

Petition of William A. Kneeland that Winchester be reimbursed for money expended for the, 57; petition of Eddy P. Dunbar that Bridgewater be reimbursed, 65; petition of Eddy P. Dunbar that West Bridgewater be reimbursed, 76; petition of Frank W. Kyes relative to reimbursing Ipswich, 76; petition of E. H. Gibson that Hanover be reimbursed, 122; petition of A. L. Whitman that cities and towns be reimbursed for expenses incurred in equipping and maintaining companies of the, 136; Resolve (S.) authorizing the Adjutant-General to investigate the expenditures of cities and towns in connection with the, 470, 725 (new draft), 744, 752; passed, 797.

Petition of Frederick E. Pierce that the strength of the, be established, 735; referred to the next General Court, 818.

Petition of E. J. Cox relative to the compensation of certain state employees while members of the, 136; report (leave to withdraw), 340; accepted, 355.

Petition of George B. Waterman relative to the enlistment of men in the, between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one, 136; report (leave to withdraw), 340; accepted, 355.

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State highways. Construction and extension of certain; maintenance of sidewalks. on. See "Massachusetts Highway Commission."

Petition (S.) of the president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce that the Massachusetts Highway Commission keep certain, passable for motor vehicles during the winter months, 607, 637; bill (S.), 728, 888 (amendment), 903; enacted, 915, 923 (House refuses to consider a Senate amendment, and bill fails.)

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Resolve (from the files) providing for the completion of the, grounds, 51; reported adversely, 400; referred to the next General Court, 417.

Petition of the State House Commission for an additional appropriation for the completion of the, grounds, 95; bill reported, 354; Bill (new draft) making an appropriation for certain claims against the Commonwealth for land taken to improve the, grounds, 400, 428; enacted, 502.

Message from the Governor recommending completion of the, grounds and the erection of a reproduction of the John Hancock House, 143; report (next General Court), 399; accepted, 417.

Petition of Thomas F. Pedrick that the Sergeant-at-Arms destroy certain old personal property and obsolete papers and documents in the, 103; report (leave to withdraw), 499; accepted, 517.

State House and Libraries, committee on, appointed, 15, 25.

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- State institutions. See "Appropriations;" "Penal Institutions;" "State Employees;" "State Hospitals;" "State Sanatoriums;" "State Schools."
- Compensation of employees of. See "State Employees."
- Petition of Edward C. R. Bagley that, purchase articles made under the supervision of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 106; bill (S.), 486, 504, 530 (new draft); enacted, 591.
- Petition of Charles A. Winchester for a special commission to investigate and improve the construction of buildings for the Commonwealth, 92; report (next General Court), 487; accepted, 503.
- Recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases, 33; petition of Charles A. Winchester relative to plans and specifications for the construction and repair of buildings at, 92; part of the final report of the joint special recess committee on state finances, 169; Bill (reported) relative to the construction of buildings and development of institutions at public expense, 700, 787 (amendment) 792 (amendment), 799 (new draft), 824 (new draft), 899 (S. new draft), 912 (amendment); committee of conference (S.), 914, 916; report (S.) accepted, 922; bill enacted, 928.
- Petition of George M. Kline relative to the care of funds of patients in institutions under the supervision of the Commission on Mental Diseases, 175, 218; bill reported, 515, 590, 600, 610; enacted, 700.
- Resolve (on various resolves — see "Boston State Hospital;" "Danvers State Hospital;" "Feeble-Minded, Massachusetts School for the;" "Foxborough State Hospital;" "Gardner State Colony;" "Grafton State Hospital;" "Medfield State Hospital;" "Northampton State Hospital;" "Taunton State Hospital;" "Westborough State Hospital;" "Worcester State Hospital;" "Wrentham State School") to provide for repairs and improvements at certain, 628, 642, 649, 704 (S. amendment); passed, 720.
- Resolve (on various resolves — see "Lakeville State Sanatorium;" "North Reading State Sanatorium;" "Rutland State Sanatorium;" "Westfield State Sanatorium") providing for certain improvements at, under the control of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives, 692, 701, 707; passed, 758.
- Resolve (on various resolves — see "Boys, Lyman School for;" "Boys, Industrial School for") providing for certain improvements at institutions under the control of the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools, 692, 701, 707; passed, 780.
- Bill (on the final report of the joint special recess committee on state finances) to regulate appointments of treasurers and stewards of [approval by the Civil Service Commission], 797, 811, 820; enacted, 841.
- Resolve (on a message from the Governor — see "Coal") providing for an examination of the heating and power plants at, 639, 649, 656; passed, 693.
- Bill (on a message from the Governor — see "Coal") making appropriations for the purchase of coal and certain miscellaneous items of maintenance for, and boards, 859, 868; enacted, 878.
- State insurance. See "Industrial Accidents;" "Insurance;" "Soldiers and Sailors."
- State Library. Annual report of the trustees of the (placed on file), 226.
- Recommendations of the trustees of the, 34:
- Bill (reported) relative to the expenses of the, 362, 447, 466, 475; enacted, 567.
- Report (no further legislation necessary), 369; accepted, 382.
- Bill (on leave) relative to the deposit of certain reports [stenographic] of hearings in the, 47; reported, 311, 327, 337; enacted, 387.
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- State minor wards. See "Massachusetts Hospital School."

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State Nursery Inspector [of the State Board of Agriculture]. Petition of Frank Mulveny for compensation to owners of berry-bearing shrubbery destroyed by agents of the, 72; petition of Walter Haynes that owners of undiseased ribes or five-leaved pines be reimbursed for the destruction of the same by agents of the, 85; petition of William G. Lord that the State Board of Agriculture compensate owners of currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed by state authorities, 86; petition (S.) of Silas D. Reed for compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust, 145, 272; Bill (S.) to provide compensation for damages incident to checking the spread of the white pine blister rust, 673, 750 (amendment), 758, 782 (amendment); enacted, 797.

Petition of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture that the bringing of nursery stock into this Commonwealth be regulated further [by the], 441, 511; Bill (reported) to increase the authority of the, in respect to nursery stock from outside the Commonwealth, 689, 694, 701; enacted, 731.

State officers. See "Constitution, Amendment of the."

Returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General, 10; referred to a joint special committee, 10; report (S.) accepted, 18.

Resolve (on leave) relative to expenditures by heads of departments and other officials of the Commonwealth, 85, 151; reported, 161, 167, 174; passed, 239.

Petition of Martin Hays that candidates for certain, be nominated at political conventions, 40; Bill (reported) to provide for the nomination by state conventions of candidates for the offices of Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth and Attorney-General, 238, 251, 269 (amendment), 276; enacted and referred to the people, 387 (yea and nay); vetoed, 430, 491, 530 (statement of the committee on Election Laws); failed to pass, 532 (yea and nay).

Petition of Francis J. Crowell that candidates for, and county offices be nominated at political conventions, 74; report (leave to withdraw), 564; accepted, 575.

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State Prison. Salary of the clerk of the. See "Prison Officers."

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Petition of John P. Mahoney for an investigation [by the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons] as to the most desirable location for a, 136; report (S. next General Court), 523; accepted, 543.

- Report (next General Court) on so much of the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons as relates to an investigation as to a new site for the, 398; accepted, 416.
- Bill (on the recommendations of the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons) to provide for the taking of land for a new, 540 (amendment). See "Defective Delinquents."
- State reservations. See "Public Reservations."
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- State school fund. See "Educational Systems."
- State schools. See "Boys, Industrial School for;" "Boys, Lyman School for;" "Feeble-Minded, Massachusetts School for the;" "Feeble-minded Persons;" "Girls, Industrial School for;" "Massachusetts Agricultural College;" "Massachusetts Hospital School;" "Massachusetts Nautical School;" "Massachusetts Training Schools, Trustees of;" "Military Training;" "State Normal Schools;" "Textile Schools;" "Wrentham State School."
- State tax. Bill (based on all the matters relating to the finances of the Commonwealth) to apportion and assess a, of eleven million dollars, 901; enacted, 928.
- Remarks (ordered printed) of the chairman of the committee on Ways and Means relative to the, 902.
- State university. Petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a university owned and directed by the Commonwealth, 27; report (next General Court), 411; accepted, 424.
- State wards. See "Berry, Charles A."
- Stations. See "Boston, City of" — *Subways and tunnels*; "Market Garden Field Station;" "Street Railway Companies."
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- Annual summary of the work of the (placed on file), 23.
- Steam boilers. Bill (on the recommendations of the Chief of the District Police) relative to the operation and inspection of, 285; recommitted, 297; reported adversely, 463; rejected, 504.
- Steamer "Lexington," sale of the. See "District Police."
- Stearns, Waldo H., will of. See "Taxes."
- Stenographers. See "Boston, City of" — *Courts*; "District Police;" "Metropolitan Affairs, Committee on;" "Rules, Committee on;" "State Employees;" "Street Railways, Committee on;" "Superior Court."
- Stenographic reports, preservation of. See "State Library."
- Stevens, Elbridge G., pensioning of. See "Cambridge, City of."
- Stewards and treasurers. See "State Institutions."
- Stock. See "Mining Corporations;" "Securities;" "Taxation;" "Trust Companies;" "Voluntary Associations."
- Stockbridge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of. Petition of, for authority to acquire property in South Lee, 135; bill reported, 423 (amendment), 438, 467; enacted, 502.
- Stock dividends, taxation of. See "Taxation."
- Stock insurance companies. See "Insurance Companies."
- Stockyards. Petition of Charles H. Morrill that Congress provide for the public ownership of, and meat-packing industries, 132; report (leave to withdraw), 556; accepted, 570.
- Stolen motor vehicles, identification of. See "Motor Vehicles."

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- Storage. See "Fish Industry;" "Food."
- Streams and rivers, conservation of. See "Water Resources."
- Street commissioners. See "Streets, Superintendents of."
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- Street railway commission. Petition of Martin Hays for a, to assume the duties of the Public Service Commission in respect to street railway companies, 100; report (leave to withdraw), 638; accepted, 647.
- Street railway companies. See "Bay State Street Railway Company;" "Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company;" "Boston Elevated Railway Company;" "Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company;" "Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company;" "Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway;" "Union Street Railway Company."
- Also see "Boston, City of" — *Street railways and Subways and tunnels*; "New Bedford, City of;" "Public Service Commission;" "Public Utilities;" "Street Railway Commission."
- So much of the Governor's address as relates to street railways, 60; report (next General Court) accepted, 846.
- So much of the abstract of the annual report of the Public Service Commission as relates to, 201; report (next General Court) accepted, 847.
- Petition of Edward A. Raleigh relative to the hours of labor of employees of, 43; report (leave to withdraw), 190; accepted, 198.
- Petition of Fred H. Smith for a suspension [during the war] of the law regulating the hours of labor of employees of, 95; report (leave to withdraw), 190; accepted, 198.
- Petition of Peter I. Adams relative to the heating [by,] of [vestibules of] electric passenger cars, 58; report (next General Court), 190; accepted, 198.
- Petition of David J. Maloney that, provide shelters or stations at terminals and transfer points, 80; report (S. leave to withdraw), 196; accepted, 207.
- Petition of George H. Jennings that the employment of women and minors between certain hours by, be prohibited, 108; report (leave to withdraw), 399; accepted, 417.
- Petition (S.) of John E. Beck for an investigation of the expediency of public [state] ownership of certain transportation companies [Bay State Street Railway Company and Boston Elevated Railway Company], 111; report (S. next General Court), 825; accepted, 835.
- Petition of Elmer L. Briggs that the Public Service Commission send notices of proposed changes of street railway tariffs to cities and towns, 80; bill reported, 515, 529, 542; enacted, 599.
- Order requesting the committees on Street Railways and Metropolitan Affairs (sitting jointly) to incorporate in a report affecting, an opinion as to the desirability of legislation which would limit the number of passengers in excess of the seating capacity that may be transported in a car at one time, 469; adopted, 555; rejected (S.), 857.
- Resolve (on leave) extending the time for the filing of the report of the special commission appointed to study problems relating to, 40; reported, 114 (amendment), 129, 163 (S. amendment); passed, 178.
- Report (S.) of the special Street Railway Investigation Commission (including a joint special recess committee of the General Court) relative to the control, supervision, ownership, operation, taxation, capitalisation, finance, management and development of street railways in this Commonwealth and

- to the powers, duties and liabilities of, 340 (see "Bay State Street Railway Company;" "Boston Elevated Railway Company"); Bill (reported) to provide for service at cost by, 802, 812, 835 (amendment), 857 (S. amendment); enacted, 877.
- Petition of Roger W. Conant relative to the furnishing of service at cost by, 109; report (next General Court) accepted, 847.
- Petition of Fred H. Smith that cities and towns invest in the bonds and guarantee the bonds and dividends of, 95; report (leave to withdraw), 802; accepted, 811.
- Petition of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns purchase the property of, 125; report (leave to withdraw), 802; accepted, 811.
- Petition of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges of, 124; petition of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns extend financial aid to, 125; bill reported, 802, 811, 820; enacted, 841; reconsidered and amended, 924; enacted, 928.
- Petition of Fred H. Smith relative to the repair of roads and bridges by, 80; Bill (reported) relative to the repair and maintenance of public ways and places in which street railways are located, and to the removal of snow and ice therefrom, 828, 858; referred to the next General Court, 872.
- Petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for a referendum on the public ownership and operation of street railways, 30; report (leave to withdraw), 724; accepted, 732.
- Petition of Frank A. Manning for the public ownership and operation of street railways and electric railroads, 30; report (leave to withdraw), 724; accepted, 732.
- Petition of James E. Odlin relative to the ownership and operation of street railways by the Commonwealth, 49; petition of Robert B. Martin relative to authorizing the Commonwealth and its cities and towns to operate public utilities, 58; petition of Charles H. Morrill relative to public ownership and operation of street and elevated railways, 59; petition of Arthur L. Nason, 95; report (leave to withdraw), 724; accepted, 732.
- Petition of James M. Curley relative to the public ownership and operation of, and electric railroads, 137; report (leave to withdraw), 719; accepted, 726.
- Petition of Fred H. Smith that, use motor vehicles to supplement their service and for supervision by the Public Service Commission of common carriers by motor vehicles, 80; bill reported, 725, 738 (amendment) (yea and nay), 747, 758 (amendment), 763 (amendment) (yea and nay), 765 (yea and nay), 817 (S. amendment), 824; enacted, 834.
- Petition of Robert S. Goff relative to permitting, to become common carriers of newspapers, express matter, baggage and freight, 80; Bill (reported) relating to, as common carriers, 711, 720, 727, 731, 822 (S. amendment), 828; enacted, 841.
- Petition of Robert S. Goff that the exise or commutation tax on, be repealed, that the relations between such corporations and highways be defined and that expenditures in connection with placing wires under ground be regulated by the Public Service Commission, 80; petition of Robert S. Goff relative to the corporate franchise tax of, 81, 442; petition of Robert S. Goff that the Bay State Street Railway Company be relieved from the payment of certain taxes and expenses, 82, 396; petition of Fred H. Smith that, be relieved from taxation and similar obligations, 95, 442; Bill (reported) relative to the taxation of, 828, 858, 869; referred to the next General Court, 872.

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Petition of Fred H. Smith to prevent the obstruction of, cars by other vehicles, 109; bill (S.), 742, 753 (yea and nay); referred to the next General Court, 760.

Petition of Fred H. Smith for charging off the value of property abandoned by, 109; report (leave to withdraw), 711; accepted, 720.

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Petition of George R. Burnes that, and street commissioners be placed under the civil service laws, 107; report (leave to withdraw), 437; accepted, 449.

Streets and ways. See "Public Ways."

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Sturbridge, town of. Petition of Warren E. Tarbell that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the, be validated, 216, 263; bill reported, 353, 364, 371; enacted, 438.

Petition of the water commissioners that the, incur additional indebtedness for water purposes, 709; bill reported, 802, 811, 820; enacted, 828.

Sub-contractors, liens of. See "Liens."

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Subways and tunnels. See "Boston, City of" — *Subways and tunnels*; "Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company."

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Suffolk, county of. See "Bail;" "Medical Examiners;" "Suffolk District" (district attorneys); "Van Drivers."

Procedure in courts of the. See "Boston, City of" — *Courts.*

Petition of Daniel J. Gillen for the speedier trial of personal injury cases in the [Superior Court for the], 75; report (S. leave to withdraw), 434; accepted, 476.

Petition of George A. Douglas that the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the, be established, 66; bill reported, 515, 654 (amendment), 666, 670; enacted, 757.

Petition of Robert M. Bowen that certain acts of the chief deputy sheriff for the Superior Court of the, be approved by the court, 88; report (leave to withdraw), 253; accepted, 267.

Petition of Arthur W. Dolan for an additional appropriation for clerical services for the register of probate and insolvency for the, 94; bill reported, 381 (amendment), 500 (new draft), 518, 542 (amendment), 652 (S. amendment); enacted, 675.

Petition (S.) of John I. Fitzgerald that boy offenders in the, be committed to the Suffolk School for Boys, 113; report (S. next General Court), 422; accepted, 438.

Petition of William J. Manning for pensioning scrubwomen by the, 124; bill reported, 401, 590, 612 (new draft), 618; enacted, 675.

Petition of Francis A. Campbell relative to the expenses of the Superior Court for civil business in the, 138, 151; referred (S.) to the next General Court, 227.

- Suffolk district. Petition (S.) of Joseph C. Pelletier that the district attorney for the, appoint assistants and deputy assistants and that salaries be established, 113; bill (S.), 748, 797, 828, 836, 850, 851, 869; enacted, 878.
- Suffolk School for Boys. See "Boston, City of;" "Juvenile Offenders;" "Suffolk, County of."
- Summer camps for boys on farms. See "Food."
- Sunday laws. See "Lord's Day."
- Superintendency unions. See "Schools, Superintendents of."
- Superior Court. See "Industrial Accident Board;" "Land;" "Lynn, City of;" "Suffolk, County of;" "Taxes" (appeals).
- Sittings of the. See "Bristol, County of;" "Norfolk, County of;" "Plymouth, County of."
- Petition of William N. Todd that the salaries of the official stenographers of the, be established, 108; report (leave to withdraw), 360; accepted, 370.
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- Petition of the Massachusetts Bar Association relative to the sittings of the, 88; report (leave to withdraw), 253; accepted, 267.
- Sureties, furnishing of. See "Bail."
- Surface drainage. See "Boston, City of" — *Streets and sewers*; "Somerville, City of."
- Surgeons. See "Physicians and Surgeons, College of;" "Serums;" "Venereal Diseases."
- Surtaxes for war revenue. See "Motor Vehicles;" "Taxation."
- Survey, boards of. See "Drainage Surveys;" "Planning Boards;" "Real Estate."
- Petition of Horatio A. Phinney relative to the board of survey of the town of Arlington, 43. For a bill reported see "Buildings."
- Petition of George M. Worrall relative to, in cities, 131; report (leave to withdraw), 340; accepted, 354.
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- Survival of actions. See "Court Procedure."
- Sutton, town of. See "Purgatory Chasm State Reservation."
- Court jurisdiction in the. See "Worcester, County of."
- Swamp lands, drainage of. See "Drainage Surveys."
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- Swansea and Seekonk Street Railway Company. Petition (S.) of L. M. Stanley relative to confirming and establishing the rights and powers of the, 59; bill reported, 822; 828, 835, 886 (S. amendment); enacted, 902; referred (S.) to the next General Court, 934.
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- Tangible personal property. See "Taxation."
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Taunton, city of. See "Assawompsett Pond;" "Bristol, County of."

Petition (S.) of John B. Tracy that the salary of the mayor of the, be established, 98; bill (S.), 227, 241, 250; enacted, 287.

Petition (S.) of William J. Davison that a municipal light commission be established in the, 128; report (S. leave to withdraw), 282; accepted, 296.

Taunton and Pawtucket Street Railway. Petition (S.) of Silas D. Reed that provision be made for the municipal ownership of the [by Taunton, Attleboro, Rehoboth and Seekonk], 163; bill reported (authorizing Attleboro to acquire the), 757, 781 (amendment), 788, 850 (S. new draft—Attleboro and Taunton), 861, 868; enacted, 878.

Taunton river. Petition of Allan L. Shirley relative to the pollution of the, and its tributaries [supervision by State Department of Health and Board of Commissioners on Fisheries and Game], 77; report (S. leave to withdraw), 339; accepted, 355.

Report (next General Court) on so much of the recommendations of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands as relates to the care and supervision of the nontidal part of the, 379; accepted, 389.

Taunton State Hospital. Annual report of the trustees of the (placed on file), 855.

Resolve (on the recommendations of the Commission on Mental Diseases) providing for certain improvements at the, 447. See "State Institutions."

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Petition of Frederick T. Fuller relative to the exemption of certain incomes from, and for a moderate tax upon incomes from certain other sources, 80; report (leave to withdraw), 205; accepted, 213.

Petition of The Massachusetts Single Tax League that buildings, land improvements and the site value of land be assessed separately, 67; report (S. leave to withdraw), 376; accepted, 392.

Petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor relative to exempting the funds of labor organizations from the income tax law, 80; report (leave to withdraw), 437; accepted, 449.

Petition of William Lawrence that personal property held by or in trust for religious organisations be exempted from, 95; bill (S.), 498, 518, 529; enacted, 547.

Petition of Clifford H. Walker for an extension of time for the operation of the law relative to the, of business corporations, 95; report (leave to withdraw), 514; accepted, 527.

Petition of the Dyers and Finishers Union of Lawrence for a commission to assist the Commissioner of Corporations in securing a greater return from the, of domestic corporations, 109; report (leave to withdraw), 335; accepted, 344.

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- Petition (S.) of B. H. Goodrich relative to the, as income of certain interest receipts [of pawnbrokers and loan agencies], 129; bill (S.), 620, 631, 643 (amendment); enacted, 655.
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- Petition of Robert Walcott that the proceeds of sales of rights to subscribe to certain stock shall not be taxable as income, 110; report (next General Court), 616; accepted, 623.
- Petition of Clifford H. Walker relative to the, of corporations, 95. [Bill reported and rejected in the Senate.]
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